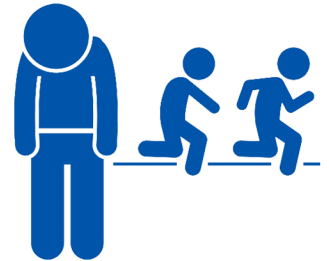


# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS BEST LEFT TO PARENTS AND FAITH LEADERS, NOT PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

*SB 42 would permit schools to include “faith-based” electives as part of drug awareness and prevention programs for grades K-12. This exposes schools to potential litigation and violates the rights of students from minority religions.*

## KEY FACTS

- Faith-based curricula can easily violate students’ rights.
- While it’s technically possible for a public school to offer biblically based curricula that complies with the Constitution, it is practically impossible to actually do, even with the best of intentions.
- All courses offered at public schools -- whether mandatory or elective -- must be secular, objective, non-devotional and must not promote any specific religious view.
- Government officials should not be telling our children which religious beliefs are true and which aren’t.
- None of this is to say that faith-based recovery and prevention programs can't be good things. Our schools just aren't the place for them.



Kids who aren’t members of the majority religion often already feel isolated. If the Christian faith is taught as an official class, that isolation only grows worse.



We must ensure all kids feel welcome at school regardless of their families’ religious practices or lack thereof.