

Sixth District Department of Correctional Services POLICY	Issue Date 11/01/91	Effective Date 05/10/19	Policy Number 2512-19
Subject RELIGIOUS SERVICES		Review Month December	Author 0111 (SBL)
Rescinds 1312-14; 1412-00; 1512-14	References WR/OWI-10; IAC 201-43;44;47		

PURPOSE:

To ensure that all residents have an opportunity to practice the religion of their choice.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services that each residential facility permits offenders in good standing to attend religious services of their choice in the local community.

PROCEDURE:

1. Access to religious services is a fundamental right afforded to all residents, except those on restricted status. A directory of all faiths in the community area is available and maintained.
2. Residents in good standing who do not otherwise have furlough time are permitted up to two (2) hours per week to attend religious services of their choice. Attendance is within established curfew hours.
3. Residents in good standing are permitted to use their own furlough time to attend religious services. When using their own furlough, the length of the attendance is limited only by the amount of hours available, established furlough procedures and curfew hours.
4. While attending religious services, residents observe all Work Release/OW/Probation rules and regulations and Parole Board directives (i.e. no contact with minors). Consumption of alcohol or unauthorized drugs is prohibited.
5. Attendance at religious services may be limited to specific geographic areas by the Residential Division Manager/designee. Consideration to attend religious services outside of the immediate area could be made if not other services of that faith are available in the community where the residential facility is located.
6. Residents on restricted status may not be permitted to leave the residential facility for religious services if:
 - A. Not previously demonstrating a belief in a particular religion, or

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- B. The religion is not a traditionally recognized sect, or
 - C. Religious services can be conducted at the residential facility.
7. Residents on restricted status may utilize videotaped, audio taped or written religious materials as a substitution for attending services off the residential facility grounds.
8. Observance of Special Diets, Customs, and Appearance.
- A. The Residential Division Manager/designee may restrict the open display of various religious jewelry items or clothing when it may affect the safe and orderly operation of the residential facility.
 - B. Under certain circumstances residents may be afforded a special diet based on their religious preference.
 - C. Residents wishing special diets contact a clergy member from their sect and have them provide documentation to the Residential Division Manager/designee as to the requirements of the special diet.
 - D. Residents who have been granted a special diet who are discovered not following the prescribed diet lose their privilege for a special diet.

BY ORDER OF:

Bruce Vander Sanden, District Director