

# Principles of secularism in schools



- 1-The Spanish State has no religion, therefore the educational system must be neutral in the face of religious issues. The teaching of confessional religion has no place in the framework of the school curriculum.
- 2-The educational centres will be governed by the principles established by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 3-All students have the right to a civic education and common culture, as well as a well-rounded education based on freedom of thought, without indoctrination of any kind.
- 4-Education must be comprehensive. The school has the duty to offer students all the necessary conditions to develop their personality and critical capacity, so that they can exercise their own choice in terms of convictions.
- 5-Religion and the diversity of convictions are private spheres. Each person, who is part of the educational community, is free to believe or not believe, to belong or not to a certain religion.
- 6-Schools must avoid any type of discrimination based on sex, birth, ethnicity, opinion and religious conviction or any other belief.
- 7-The exhibition of religious symbols, proselytising ,liturgies or particular ideology have no place in schools, just as they should not have a religious denomination or relate to exclusionary ideologies.
- 8-Students and the rest of the educational community can express any religious or ideological opinion, but in a respectful way, never overtly and always within the framework of the Center's Educational Project and the Annual General Plan, which will both be secular.

To be taken into account by the educational communities of all the School Centers of the Educational System in the territories that constitute the Spanish State.

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