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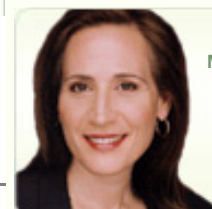

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Subject: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN INSPECTED PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Application: Directors of Education
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Beginning in September 1993, inspected private secondary schools may offer programs in religious education in Grades 9 and 10 that can be applied towards an **Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)**.

Since there are no ministry curriculum guidelines for such programs, a private school must submit a detailed description of its proposed program to the appropriate regional office of the Ministry of Education and Training for approval. To be approved, the program must meet the requirements outlined in section 6.9 of *Ontario Schools, Intermediate and Senior Divisions (Grades 7-12/OACs): Program and Diploma Requirements, 1989* (OSIS).

Where a religious education program has received approval, the following conditions apply to it:

- a. Although the Grade 9 program is not to be organized into credit-bearing courses beginning in September 1993, principals of inspected private secondary schools may include consideration of religious education programs when determining the equivalent credit value of the Grade 9 program (see sections 1.4 and 1.5 of *Transition Years, Grades*



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7, 8, and 9: Policies and Program Requirements, 1992).

A student may earn no more than the equivalent credit value of one credit in religious education as part of the Grade 9 program.

- b. A student may earn no more than one credit in religious education in Grade 10.

Inspected private secondary schools that are offering non-credit courses in religious education in Grade 9, in Grade 10, or in both grades in the 1992-93 school year may be given retroactive approval of these courses as non-guideline credit courses for 1992-93. To be approved, these courses must meet the requirements stated in section 6.9 of OSIS. If approved, such courses may be assigned a maximum of one credit towards an OSSD in each of Grades 9 and 10 for the 1992-93 school year only. If a private school wishes to seek approval of such courses, it must submit a detailed description of them to the appropriate regional office of the Ministry of Education and Training by May 30, 1993.

None of the above conditions applies to the World Religions courses provided for in the curriculum guideline *History and Contemporary*

Studies, Part C: Senior Division, Grades 11 and 12, 1987. Courses developed from this guideline do not require approval as non-guideline courses.

Further information is available from any of the regional offices of the Ministry of Education and Training, which are listed below:

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