

Appendix B

Survey Question: *How many students have made requests for religious accommodations thus far in the 2016-2017 school year? (Please note, requests for exemptions from religious courses of study, from school opening and closing exercise, and from liturgy are all considered “religious accommodations”).*

Seven schools reported having received requests for religious accommodations. There were requests for accommodations at 3 secondary schools and 4 elementary schools. Where necessary, schools were contacted by phone to clarify and expand upon information from the survey. Within the 7 schools, 19 students made requests; in total, 27 requests were made. In all cases staff dialogued with students and parents. Where requests were not accommodated, staff counselled students and parents and these requests were withdrawn. In all cases, whether requests were accommodated or not, staff attempted to maintain the Catholic nature of the school (e.g., a student who requested to wear a traditional head covering was asked to place a school logo on the scarf).

Types of Requests	Total	Accommodated	Status Quo
a) Request for exemption from religious course of study	6	1	5
b) Request for exemption from school opening and closing exercises	0	0	0
c) Request for exemption from liturgy	13	11	2
d) Request for leave of absence for religious holy days	0	0	0
e) Request prayer	2	0	2
f) Dieting requirements	0	0	0
g) Fasting	0	0	0
h) Religious dress	2	2	0
i) Modesty requirements in physical education	1	1	0
j) Participation in daily religious activities and curriculum	3	0	3
k) Major assignments, exams and field trips	0	0	0
TOTAL:	27	17	10