

## Deregistration from religious education

As a parent or guardian, you may decide that your child should not attend religious education classes at school.

### Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Referat 21 - Gestalterische Aufgaben der allgemeinbildenden Schulen und der Lehrerbildung](#)
- [Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Schulen der Stadtgemeinde Bremen](#)
- [Die Senatorin für Kinder und Bildung | Schulen der Stadtgemeinde Bremerhaven](#)

### Basic information

Religious education at school should provide pupils with a basic knowledge of religions, enable them to understand and assess the importance of religions in their lives and encourage them to recognize and acknowledge the religious beliefs of others. This objective applies to all children and young people, regardless of the religious or ideological background they come to school with.

As a parent or guardian, you can decide whether or not your child should take part in religious education. If you do not wish your child to take part in religious education, you have the option of deregistering your child or children from the subject at school. After reaching the age of religious majority (from the age of 14), the pupils themselves decide on their participation in religious education.

If elementary school pupils are deregistered from religious education, they will attend lessons in a parallel class instead. Pupils at secondary level I receive alternative lessons in philosophy instead of religious education.

To deregister from religious education, please contact the relevant school. Deregistration can be done informally.

### Procedure

Legal guardians / pupils of religious age should contact the relevant school. Deregistration from religious education is informal.

The contact details of the responsible school can be found under "Responsible authorities".

## **Legal bases**

- [Art. 32 Landesverfassung der Freien Hansestadt Bremen](#)
- [§ 7 Bremisches Schulgesetz](#)
- [Bildungsplan Religion](#)

## **More information**

Our advice and wish: As parents and guardians, take the opportunity to discuss this subject with your children and the teachers.