



RUMOR VS. REALITY

RUMOR: LifeWise violates the legal separation of church and state.

REALITY: The US Supreme Court ruled in 1952 that religious “released time religious instruction” programs such as LifeWise are constitutional. **LifeWise honors the “separation of church and state” by carefully following the rules laid out by SCOTUS: the program is off school property, privately funded and parent permitted.** Programs like LifeWise are upheld as an expression of the First Amendment right to the “free exercise of religion.”

RUMOR: LifeWise has a political motive or hidden agenda.

REALITY: The mission of LifeWise is transparent and simple—to provide Bible education to public school students during school hours. LifeWise exists as a supportive ally to public schools to complement public education, not to challenge it. LifeWise is not affiliated with or supportive of any particular political party or figure. LifeWise is for all families, no matter their political views.

RUMOR: LifeWise isn’t safe.

REALITY: Student safety is LifeWise’s highest priority! LifeWise programs follow extensive policies and procedures, assuming responsibility for student safety as soon as students step out of their public schools. LifeWise conducts thorough background checks on all staff and maintains appropriate employer, liability, auto, and property insurance coverage for all its programs.

RUMOR: LifeWise is discriminatory.

REALITY: LifeWise welcomes all students and families regardless of lifestyle, church affiliation or faith orientation and works to instill values like love, respect and humility. Like most Christian organizations, LifeWise holds to traditional Christian values. Rooted in this biblical value system, staff and volunteers are trained to respond to students’ questions about the Bible’s perspective on cultural issues first and foremost with compassion, humility and respect.

RUMOR: LifeWise disrupts public schools..

REALITY: While LifeWise classes are held during the school day, they don’t interfere with students’ required courses. The positive impact of religious education has long been recognized, and LifeWise programs specifically support character education, mental health, academic outcomes and community involvement. Studies and surveys confirm that educators see these benefits and parents overwhelmingly recommend LifeWise to others.