

The December Dilemma

Tanenbaum Center: [Descriptive list of December holidays recognized & celebrated in American school communities](#)

Lesson Plans and Resources for December

- Tanenbaum Center: [Rituals and Traditions about Light, Hopefulness, and Waiting](#)
- Tanenbaum Center: [Respecting Each Other](#)
- Tanenbaum Center: [Holiday Inclusion Planning Template](#)

Articles on the December holidays

- EdWeek: [Teaching the Holidays: The December Dilemma](#)
- Edutopia: [The December Dilemma: Acknowledging Religious Holidays in the Classroom](#)

Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in the Classroom

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION IN THE CLASSROOM

- Teachers should be **academic**, not devotional in their treatment of all religions.
- Teachers should only teach for **awareness** of religions, not an acceptance of religion.
- Teachers should only teach **about** religion, not practice religion in the classroom.
- Teachers should **educate** students on the diversity of religious views and not impose a particular viewpoint.
- Teachers should **not promote or denigrate** religions.
- Teachers should only **inform** about beliefs, not seek to make students believe.*

