

Christian Legal Group Fights Florida School District's 'Witchcraft' Program

A Florida school district has begun exposing its students to a series of "witchcraft rituals" during its mid-week morning announcements, and a non-profit legal group is now demanding that it allow students to opt out of watching the presentation.

Liberty Counsel sent a demand letter to Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) on behalf of local community members, requesting opt-outs for the weekly "Witchy Wednesday" video series, which is aired school-wide at a local high school.

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"The series, which is aired during mid-week morning announcements, is produced by students providing 'religious instruction' on spells, magic, moon worship and other witchcraft rituals," attorneys with the legal group explained.



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According to the letter, the first video in the series aired on , and the host greeted students saying, "Good morning, witches," and later gave instructions on how to cast a spell for "Light of Insight." They also advised students on how to do a ritual "cleanse and recharge yourself."

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Liberty Counsel pointed out that students with sincere Christian religious beliefs would not be able to endorse this religious instruction nor would they be able to sit through it.

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“According to recent U.S. Supreme Court precedent in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, which ruled parents have the right to opt their children out of instruction that undermines their religious beliefs, schools must provide opt-outs to ‘Witchy Wednesday’ if parents and students wish to abstain,” the group writes.

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