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More than 300,000 Students Expected To Join #BringYourBible to School Tomorrow
Wisconsin students exercise their religious freedoms, joining with students from across the nation

Madison, WI – More than 300,000 students across the nation are expected to take part in Focus on the Family’s third annual “Bring Your Bible to School Day” on Thursday, Oct. 6. This student-led event is a simple way for children and teens to celebrate religious freedom and to share the hope and inspiration they receive from reading their Bibles.

Enthusiasm for “Bring Your Bible to School Day” continues to grow. Last year, about 155,000 students participated in the event and #BringYourBible [went viral](#) when students from across the nation posted selfies with their Bibles on social media.

Confusion over religious freedom persists

This year’s “Bring Your Bible to School Day” comes as confusion continues over students’ religious freedoms. The following cases have happened over the last 12 months alone:

- A police officer was dispatched to a 7-year-old boy’s home after he [shared Scripture verses and Bible stories](#) with friends during free time.
- A 12-year-old student was instructed to give an "All About Me" PowerPoint presentation to her sixth-grade class, but when she wanted to include a slide with her favorite Bible verse, she was told [Bible verses were banned](#).
- Elementary students in Kentucky were looking forward to their performance of "A Charlie Brown Christmas"—until they learned [school officials planned to censor Bible verses](#) about the birth of Jesus read by the character, Linus.

“Wisconsin students don’t lose their religious freedoms when they arrive at school in the morning,” said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Council. “The First Amendment recognizes the rights of students to talk about their faith in school and read their Bible outside of classroom time. ‘Bring Your Bible to School Day’ encourages children and teens to understand their religious freedoms and to be a voice of hope and bring their whole selves to the classroom.”

Christian legal group [Alliance Defending Freedom](#), a longtime [advocate](#) of religious freedom in public schools, is again partnering with Focus on the Family and will offer students free legal representation in the event their rights are violated.

To learn more about “Bring Your Bible to School Day,” or to coordinate an interview contact Julaine Appling at jkappling@wifamilycouncil.org or 608-256-3228.

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