

LifeWise Opportunity

Release Time Religious Education (RTRE) is a unique opportunity to teach public school students the Bible during school hours. LifeWise has developed a plan to get this started in school districts in the US. The following is more information on RTRE.

LifeWise messaging to get 50 people to sign Community Interest List

Hey! Have you heard of LifeWise Academy? I just signed a community interest list to help start a Bible education program for our local public-school students and wanted to ask if you could help by adding your signature? We only need 50 signatures to get started! Here's the link to sign: <https://lifewise.org/district/2923580-mo-st-louis-county-parkway-c-2>

Tara Schwartz MO LifeWise Representative

Go to [LifeWise.org/tara](https://lifewise.org/tara) to set up a virtual meeting with her

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

DESE is the administrative arm of the State Board of Education

To view school district maps:

Go to: <https://dese.mo.gov/directory>

Hover over “School Data” and select “District and School Info”

On the left select “Directory, Calendar, & Maps”

Scroll down to and click on “School Directory Interactive Map”

Report Card		 School  Charter	<u>Building List</u> Tabular: School Building information used in the Missouri School Directory -- the variables and definitions for row headings: http://dese.mo.gov/school-directory/data-downloads
Districts, Charters, & Schools		 Reference	<u>Missouri School Statistics</u> Missouri School Directory Statistics of Public Schools (data as of 9/1/2024).
INTERACTIVE MAPS		 Reference	<u>School Directory Interactive Map</u> Maps are provided purely for reference, please contact county authorities to obtain official school district boundary information.
School Performance & Accountability		 Reference	<u>Missouri School Directory Resources</u> Missouri School Directory resources on DESE website.
College & Career Education			
School Finance Data			
Students			
Teachers			

Responding to the doors God opens up:

1 Corinthians 16

⁵ I will come to you after I pass through Macedonia—for I will be traveling through Macedonia— ⁶ and perhaps I will remain with you or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I go. ⁷ I don't want to see you now just in passing, for I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord allows. ⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ because a wide door for effective ministry has opened for me^[b]—yet many oppose me. ¹⁰ If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear from you, because he is doing the Lord's work, just as I am. ¹¹ Therefore, no one should look down on him. Send him on his way in peace so he can come to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.^[c]

¹² About our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to come to you with the brothers, but he was not at all willing to come now. However, he will come when he has an opportunity.

2 Corinthians 2

¹² When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, the Lord opened a door for me. ¹³ I had no rest in my spirit because I did not find my brother Titus, but I said goodbye to them and left for Macedonia.

Legal Information

McCullum v. Board of Education (1948)

the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a program allowing religious instruction within public school buildings violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The Court found that using tax-supported public-school facilities for religious purposes, with the active cooperation of school officials, was a violation of the separation of church and state.

Zorach v. Clauson (1952)

the US Supreme Court ruled that a New York program allowing public school students to leave school for religious instruction did not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The program, which involved students leaving school to attend off-campus religious instruction, was deemed constitutional because it didn't involve public funds or school facilities being used for religious purposes.

SB 698

Requires school districts to establish a policy allowing students to be excused from class to receive religious or moral instruction off school property

Effective Date: August 28, 2025

https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=4845583#:~:text=SB%20698%20%2D%20This%20act%20requires,a%20%22released%20time%20course%22.

Amendment to Section A, Chapter 162, RSMo

<https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/pdf-bill/intro/SB698.pdf>

LifeWise Signup Information

Homepage: <https://lifewise.org/>



Click Voice Your Support

The image shows a red rectangular box containing a form to find a school district. At the top, it says 'FIND YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT' in large, bold, white letters. Below this is a white rounded rectangular input field with the placeholder text 'Type your school district zip code'. At the bottom, it says 'Search districts by:' followed by two radio buttons. The first radio button is selected and is labeled 'Name'. The second radio button is labeled 'Zip Code'.

Find your school district by Name or Zip Code.

Click Voice Your Support again, follow the prompts, and enter your information.

COMPLETE YOUR SUPPORT

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How to start
A LIFEWISE FAST!

Before you go, will
you share and help us
get more signatures?

Tip: Direct messages are significantly more likely to
get people to sign.

Copy link

Messenger

Email

LifeWise
ACROSS THE NATION
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Rob W.

signed a community interest list in PA

3 hours ago

Christine M.

signed a community interest list in OH

3 hours ago

Rylee O.

signed a community interest list in OH

3 hours ago

Jessica P.

signed a community interest list in IL

3 hours ago

Melodia W.

signed a community interest list in TN

3 hours ago

Woody S.

signed a community interest list in MN

3 hours ago

Nationwide Spread

Schools served

578

Students enrolled

44,099

Total interest list signatures

164,999

Districts with signatures

7,612

States with signatures

ALL 50 STATES

See YouTube video LifeWise State of the Ministry (May 2025)

<https://www.youtube.com/live/VUnAxAr5M84?si=3wO3D-z0cwafJIDK>