

Court declines to hear Muslim course case: Activities in history class deemed educational

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The Supreme Court declined on October 2 to hear a case from parents who complained after their children were required to simulate Muslim worship and attire as part of a history class.

Jonas and Tiffany Eklund, parents of one of the students at Excelsior Middle School in Byron, California, petitioned the Supreme Court to take the case after the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's decision in favor of the school. The appeals court agreed with the federal district court, which said the course was merely educational and lacked "any devotional or religious intent."