

Hardeman County Board of Education

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1 Educational content which consists of religious themes shall be presented in a factual, objective and
 2 respectful manner in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 3 1. Religious themes may be part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs
 4 provided it is essential to the learning experience in the various fields of study and is presented
 5 objectively;
- 6 2. The inclusion of religion shall be for educational purposes only;¹
- 7 3. The emphasis on religious themes in the arts, literature and history should be only as extensive
 8 as necessary for a balanced and comprehensive study of the curriculum these areas. Such
 9 studies shall never be used to proselytize, establish, foster, or demean any particular religion,
 10 religious tenets, or beliefs; and¹
- 11 4. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their beliefs or non-
 12 beliefs about a religious theme shall be accommodated.
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Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2016, Chapter No. 660

Cross References

Basic Curriculum Program 4.201
 Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600