

## 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;<sup>1</sup>
- 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; and<sup>1</sup>
- 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

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Cross References

Basic Curriculum Program 4.201  
 Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600