

Hancock 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 a 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 should be only as extensive as necessary for a balanced and
 8 comprehensive study of the curriculum. Such studies shall never be used to proselytize, establish,
 9 foster, or demean any particular religion, religious tenets, or beliefs; and¹
 - 10 4. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their beliefs or non-
 11 beliefs about a religious theme shall be accommodated.

Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2016, Chapter No. 660

Cross References

- Basic Curriculum Program 4.201
 Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600