

TEACHING ABOUT RELIGION

Religion has played an integral part in the cultural and historical development of the world. Religion is, therefore, an essential subject to be examined and studied in the New Hanover County School System.

Religious concepts, facts, and materials are to be used at appropriate times as designated by the existing North Carolina Standard Course of Study. The school system shall maintain a balance in these teachings to ensure that no single religion is being promoted, either intentionally or inadvertently, over any other.

Questions on the relevance of religious concepts, facts, and materials should be directed to principals. Unresolved questions shall be directed first to the Director of Elementary Education or the Director of Secondary Education and then to the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Academic Accountability, if necessary.

LEGAL REFS: School District of Abington (PA) Township v Schempp, 374 U.S. 203
Lemon v Kurtzman, 411 U.S. 192
Engel v Vitale, 370 U.S. 421
Moore v Gaston County Board of Education, 357 F. Supp. 1037 (W.D.N.C.)
Smith v Smith, 523 F. 2d 121 1 (4th Cir.)
CROSS REF: [Social Studies Curriculum](#), Teaching About Religion
Procedures

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