

Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in December	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Religious Content in Courses</h2>	Descriptor Code: 4.804	Issued Date: 01/14/19
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Educational content which consists of religious themes shall be presented in a factual, objective, and respectful manner in accordance with the following guidelines:

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

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-1005(a)

Cross References

- Basic Curriculum Program 4.201
 Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600