

<b>Bartlett City Board of Education</b>		<b>4017</b>
Descriptor Term: <b>RELIGIOUS THEMED COURSE CONTENT</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>Instructional Services</b>	Issue Date: <b>08/25/2016</b>
	Rescinds:	Revised:

- 1 Educational course content which consists of religious themes shall be presented in a  
2 factual, objective, and respectful manner in accordance with the following guidelines:<sup>1</sup>
- 3 1. Religious themes may be part of the curriculum for school-sponsored courses and  
4 programs provided it is essential to the learning experience in the particular field  
5 of study and is presented objectively;
  - 6 2. The inclusion of religion shall be for educational purposes only;
  - 7 3. The emphasis on religious themes should be only as extensive as is necessary for  
8 a balanced and comprehensive study of the curriculum. Such studies shall never  
9 be used to proselytize, establish, foster, or demean any particular religion, religious  
10 tenets, or religious beliefs; and
  - 11 4. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect student  
12 beliefs or non-beliefs about religious themes shall be accommodated.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Acts of 2016, Chapter No. 660