

<b>Section I:</b>  <b>Instructional Goals and Objectives</b>	<b>Knox County Board of Education Policy</b>			
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Knox County Schools complies with existing state and federal law regarding religion and religious expression in public schools. Students and employees can engage in expression of personal religious views or beliefs within the parameters of current law. Knox County Schools neither advances nor inhibits religion.

Knox County Schools will take reasonable steps to protect students from religious coercion or harassment in schools promptly, equitably, and with civility. If a student or a student's parent or legal guardian believes that the student's rights with regard to personal religious beliefs have been violated, they shall state their complaint to the school principal. If their concerns are not addressed, then the student or a student's parent or legal guardian shall make a complaint in writing to the Director of Schools. It shall be the duty of the Director of Schools, within thirty (30) days of receiving the complaint, to ensure that the rights of the student are protected.<sup>1</sup>

Legal References:

1. T.C.A. § 49-6-2904.
2. Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, 597 U.S. 507 (2022).