

# Cheatham County Board of Education

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1 Religious institutions and orientations are central to human experience, both past and present. An  
2 education excluding such a significant aspect would be incomplete. It is essential that the teaching  
3 about—and not of—religion be conducted in a factual, objective and respectful manner.  
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5 Therefore, the policy of the Board shall be as follows:  
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- 7 1. Music, art, literature, or drama with a religious theme or basis is permitted as part of the curriculum  
8 for school-sponsored activities and programs provided it is essential to the learning experience in  
9 the various fields of study and is presented objectively;
- 10 2. The emphasis on religious themes in the arts, literature and history should be only as extensive  
11 as necessary for a balanced and comprehensive study of these areas. Such studies shall not foster  
12 any particular religious tenets or demean any religious beliefs; and  
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- 14 3. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their beliefs or non-beliefs  
15 about a religious theme shall be accommodated. For example, students are free to express religious  
16 belief or non-belief in compositions, art forms, music, speech and debate.  
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34 Cross References:

35 Basic Curriculum Program 4.201  
36 Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600  
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