

Lakeland Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in December	Descriptor Term: <h3 style="text-align: center;">Religious Content of Courses</h3>	Descriptor Code: <h3 style="text-align: center;">4.804</h3>	Issued Date:
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1 Educational content which consists of religious themes shall be presented in a factual, objective, and
 2 respectful manner in accordance with the following guidelines:

3 1. Religious themes may be a part of the curriculum for school-sponsored activities and programs
 4 provided it is essential to the learning experience in the various fields of study and is presented
 5 objectively;

6 **2. The inclusion of religion shall be for educational purposes only;¹**

7 3. The emphasis on religious themes should be only as extensive as necessary for a balanced and
 8 comprehensive study of the curriculum. **Such studies shall never be used to proselytize, establish,
 9 foster, or demean any particular religion, religious tenets, or beliefs; and¹**

10 4. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their beliefs or non-
 11 beliefs about a religious theme shall be accommodated.

Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2016, Chapter No. 660

Cross References

Basic Curriculum Program 4.20
 Staff Rights & Responsibilities 5.600