

ROANE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	
Religion in the Curriculum	Policy # 6.39
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3 Religious institutions and orientations are central to human experience, both past and present.
 4 An education excluding such a significant aspect would be incomplete. It is essential that the
 5 teaching about---and not of---religion be conducted in a factual, objective and respectful
 6 manner.

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8 Therefore, the policy of the Board shall be as follows:

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- 10 1. The Board supports the inclusion of religious literature, music, drama and the arts in
 11 the curriculum and in school activities, provided it is essential to the learning
 12 experience in the various fields of study and is presented objectively;
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- 14 2. The emphasis on religious themes in the arts, literature and history should be only
 15 as extensive as necessary for a balanced and comprehensive study of these areas.
 16 Such studies shall never foster any particular religious tenets or demean any
 17 religious beliefs; and
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- 19 3. Student-initiated expressions to questions or assignments which reflect their beliefs
 20 or non-beliefs about a religious theme shall be accommodated. For example,
 21 students are free to express religious belief or non-belief in compositions, art forms,
 22 music, speech and debate.