University Schools

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The University Schools recognizes the significant role that religious events, beliefs, and figures have played in world history, including the founding of the United States and the state of Tennessee. University Schools is committed to providing appropriate, accurate, and comprehensive instruction in the social studies curriculum and affirms that educational content consisting of religious themes shall be presented in a factual, objective, and respectful manner. Each school shall approach religion in the curriculum with the understanding that:

1. Religious themes shall be permitted in the curriculum provided they are essential to the learning experience in the various fields of study;
2. These fields of study may include history, music, art, literature, or drama;
3. Inclusion of religion in academic standards, curriculum, instructional materials, teaching materials, textbooks, and teaching aids shall be for educational purposes only;
4. An emphasis on religious themes shall be only as extensive as necessary for a comprehensive study of the curriculum;
5. Teachers and school personnel are prohibited from using religion to proselytize, promote, or show bias toward one particular religion or attempt to indoctrinate or establish any religion or religious belief over another; and

Teachers and school personnel are prohibited from using studies of religion to demean any religion or religious beliefs.

Anti-Semitic Teachings

University Schools prohibits instruction of anti-Semitic concepts in schools by employees. We will provide an annual notice of this to staff in accordance with SB2684 and HB2673.

If a state governmental entity or an LEA receives a complaint from a person who alleges that antisemitism has occurred on the premises of a public school serving any of the grades K-12, or through electronic outreach from a public school serving any of the grades K-12, then the respective state governmental entity or LEA consider the working definition of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016, including the

"contemporary examples of antisemitism," in determining whether the alleged act was motivated by anti-Semitic intent.