Religion and Public Schools
Code No.603.8

The school district is required to keep the practice of religion out of the school curriculum. The board recognizes the key role religion has played in the history of the world and authorizes the study of religious history and traditions as part of the curriculum and preferential or derogatory treatment of a single religion will not take place in compliance with applicable laws.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to ensure the district may teach the study of religion but not use the school district's authority to advance or impose religious belief.

Legal Reference: U.S. Const. amend. I.
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 280.6.

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