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Title	STUDY AND PERFORMANCE OF MUSIC OF RELIGIOUS ORIGIN
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### 2210 - STUDY AND PERFORMANCE OF MUSIC OF RELIGIOUS ORIGIN

District schools are places in which beliefs and religious convictions are treated with respect and in which the religious liberty and rights of all students are protected. Columbus schools may not promote, endorse, or prohibit religion.

A comprehensive music education requires the study of a broad range of music including music outside of the student's musical experience. As with many other types of music, music of religious origin or with sacred lyrics has played an important role in American culture and history and may be a part of classroom instruction, school concerts, and programs, if ~~any~~ of the following criteria are met:

- A. The musical selection is chosen based on sound educational principles and is used for pedagogical purposes that demonstrably support the District's music and other curricula;
- B. The musical selection is chosen to help students develop musical skills and abilities set forth by the District's music curriculum such as expressive singing, increased tone production, balance, blend, phrasing, articulation, rhythm, dynamics, range development, competency in part singing and sight singing;
- C. The musical selection has:
  - 1. recognized artistic merit; or
  - 2. historical, social, or cultural significance defined by and studied as part of the District's curricula;
- D. The musical selection is part of a balanced program or course of instruction;
- E. In the context of the concert program or course of instruction, the musical selections respect diversity and do not manifest a preference for religion or particular religious beliefs;
- F. The musical selection serves to prepare students for future music education or careers in music;
- G. For large groups, soloists, and ensembles that participate in competitions conducted by the Ohio Music Educators Association or similar organizations, the selections are part of the performance list compiled by the sponsoring organizations.

The District will establish a resource committee consisting of the District's music coordinators and their supervisors, District legal counsel, a school principal, and a music teacher. The Superintendent shall make information regarding the resource committee available to the public. The chair shall be designated by the Superintendent and shall have authority, on behalf of and in consultation with, the resource committee to oversee and enforce this policy. Principals, teachers, parents, and community members are encouraged to seek information and advice from the resource committee on questions concerning the application of this policy and the District's curriculum regarding the selection of musical pieces for performance or instruction.

The Board of Education expects that all affected administrators and teachers will adhere to the requirements of this policy and directs the administration to develop a plan for implementation of this policy within 60 days of its adoption. The plan shall:

- A. Establish goals for selection of music as part of a well-rounded education;

- B. Set forth criteria for selection of music and for music curriculum development;
- C. Establish mechanisms for on-going communication with and training programs for all administrators and teachers affected by this policy;
- D. Promulgate guidelines, including guidelines that protect students who do not subscribe to a personal religious persuasion; and
- E. Draft and distribute guidelines and timelines for recourse if parents, teachers, or students perceive that their beliefs concerning religion are not respected or a failure to comply with this policy.

The guidelines shall encourage informal resolution of complaints. The process shall be initiated when the complaining student, parent or teacher submits to the teacher or principal, as is appropriate, a written description of the matter of concern. The guidelines shall also set forth a procedure for reporting to the resources committee of complaints and their resolution. Except as prohibited by state or federal law, all reports made to the resource committee are public records pursuant to R.C. 149.43.

If the student, parent or teacher is not satisfied by the resolution at the school level, the complaint may be brought to the resource committee, which shall investigate the matter and issue a written determination, which shall be transmitted to the complaining party, the affected administrator and teacher, and such other persons as the resource committee deems appropriate. Except as prohibited by federal and state law, the written description of the matter of concern and the written determination are public records pursuant to R.C. 149.43.

The purpose of graduation is to recognize and celebrate the achievement of high school seniors and to allow their families and the community at large to honor their accomplishment. Because the performance of vocal music containing religious lyrics at Commencement exercises may distract from this purpose and be inconsistent with the criteria mandated by this policy, it shall not be performed at graduation ceremonies.

Last Modified by Erik Roush on March 12, 2018

8452	Automated External Defibrillators (AED) (Revised)	This has been revised to reflect the changes made by Sub H.B. 113, which modifies the instruction and staff training requirements regarding cardiac arrest and use of an AED. Revisions to this policy reflects the current State of Ohio law and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.
8500	Food Services (Revised)	Revisions to this policy are in response to the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding bad debt and unpaid meal charges. Revisions to this policy reflect current USDA regulations and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.
9270	Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extra-Curricular for Students not Enrolled in the District (Revised)	This policy has been revised to reflect the changes made by Sub. S.B. 3 as adopted in December 2016. Revisions to this policy reflect the current State of Ohio law and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.
9700	Relations with Special Interest Groups (Revised)	This amendment clarifies that the use of the District's logo, name, or assets may only be used by an outside organization with the permission of the Superintendent. The language further clarifies that any donations received from organizations must comply with the District's policy on donations. These changes were suggested by the Policy Review Committee as a part of the review of Policy 6605 (Crowdfunding).
<b>CCS POLICY AMENDMENTS</b>		
2210	Study And Performance of Music of Religious Origin (Revised)	This is a technical amendment to align the policy to the previously enacted consent decree.
9210	Parent Organizations (Revised)	This amendment clarifies that the use of the District's logo, name, or assets may only be used by an outside organization with the permission of the Superintendent. The language further clarifies that any donations received from organizations must comply with the District's policy on donations. These changes were suggested by the Policy Review Committee as a part of the review of Policy 6605 (Crowdfunding).
9211	District Support Organizations (Revised)	This amendment clarifies that the use of the District's logo, name, or assets may only be used by an outside organization with the permission of the Superintendent. These changes were suggested by the Policy Review Committee as a part of the review of Policy 6605 (Crowdfunding).

