

- 1 States Constitution and its amendments, and the most important of the
2 Federalist Papers.
- 3 (3a) Local boards of education shall allow and may encourage any public
4 school teacher or administrator to read or post in a public school
5 building, classroom, or event, any excerpts or portions of writings,
6 documents, and records that reflect the history of the United States,
7 including, but not limited to, (i) the preamble to the North Carolina
8 Constitution, (ii) the Declaration of Independence, (iii) the United
9 States Constitution, (iv) the Mayflower Compact, (v) the national motto,
10 (vi) the National Anthem, (vii) the Pledge of Allegiance, (viii) the
11 writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding
12 fathers and Presidents of the United States, (ix) decisions of the
13 Supreme Court of the United States, and (x) acts of the Congress of the
14 United States, including the published text of the Congressional Record.
15 Local boards, superintendents, principals, and supervisors shall not
16 allow content-based censorship of American history in the public
17 schools of this State based on religious references in these writings,
18 documents, and records.
- 19 (4) The State Board of Education shall require that any high school level
20 curriculum-based tests developed and administered statewide beginning
21 with academic year 1990-91 include questions related to the Declaration
22 of Independence, the United States Constitution and its amendments,
23 and the most important of the Federalist Papers.
- 24 (5) The State Department of Public Instruction and the local boards of
25 education, as appropriate, shall establish curriculum content and provide
26 for teacher training to ensure that the intent and provisions of this
27 subsection are carried out. The curriculum content established shall
28 include a review of the contributions made by Americans of all races
29 during the period in which our nation was founded."
- 30 Section 2. The State Board of Education shall adopt a policy by September 30,
31 1997, to ensure that the textbooks it adopts have no content-based censorship of
32 American history based on religious references.
- 33 Section 3. The State Board of Education shall provide a copy of this act to
34 each local school superintendent in the State, and each local school superintendent shall
35 ensure that school personnel within the unit are informed about the act.
- 36 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.