



Bible Literacy Frequently Asked Questions

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No. The [Attorney General's Opinion No. GA-0657](#)

Texas Education Code

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[Attorney General's Opinion No. GA-0657](#) determined that a district or charter does not have to offer the course authorized in [TEC §28.011](#) in response to a request by 15 students. However, some instruction in religious literature is required, as explained in the answer above.

[Section 21.459](#). A course under this section may only be taught by a teacher who has successfully completed training under [Section 21.459](#).

Training for teachers who teach the Bible literacy course will be available soon through Project Share.

The TEKS for the Bible literacy course may be found in [19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) §74.36](#). A course offered under this section shall follow the TEKS for Special Topics in Social Studies or the TEKS for Independent Study in English.

At this time, there prohibits requiring use of a specific translation of the Bible.

Districts should use the appropriate choice from the codes below:

03221830	Independent Study in English: Hebrew Scriptures (1/2-1 Unit) (HEBSCEN)
03221840	Independent Study in English: New Testament (1/2-1 Unit) (NEWTENG)
03221850	Independent Study in English: Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament (1/2-1 Unit) (HSNTENG)
03380052	Special Topics in Social Studies: Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) (1/2 unit) (HEBSCSS)
03380062	Special Topics in Social Studies: New Testament (1/2 unit) (NEWTSS)
03380072	Special Topics in Social Studies: Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament (1/2 unit) (HSNTSS)

Links Used in this Document:

<https://www.oag.state.tx.us/opinions/opinions/50abbott/op/2008/htm/ga-0657.htm>

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.28.htm#28.002>

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.28.htm#28.011>

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.21.htm#21.459>

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074c.html#74.36>