

***Constitutionally Protected Free Exercise of Religion Policy***

The Board desires to protect and accommodate individual rights as set forth in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in the operation of Capstone Classical Academy. Capstone will protect scholars with procedures and provisions that balance scholars' rights of conscience or exercise of religious freedom with the least restrictive means necessary to achieve a specifically identified educational objective in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest.

No Capstone policy prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer. Capstone supports the Constitution of Utah, which prohibits the use of powers of government to encourage or discourage religious beliefs or practices, or to press the rights of conscience.

See Utah Code 53A-13-101 and Utah Administrative Code R277-105