RELEASE TIME PERMISSION FORM ("FORM")

**Student's Name**: _____("Student") **School**: _____

**Student's Grade**: _____ **School Year** (*Example: 2022-2023*): _____

**Parent/Guardian's Full Name**: _____("Guardian")

**Organization Responsible During Release Time**: _____("Organization")

By executing this Form below, the Guardian confirms the Student may be transported to/from school to attended a released time course. Herein, and under Tenn. Code Ann. 49-2-103(a), "released time course" shall mean a period of time during which the Student is excused from school to attend a course in religious moral instruction taught by the Organization off school property.[1]

By executing this Form below, the Guardian also confirms and/or acknowledges, in further compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. 49-2-103(a), that:

- The Organization will maintain attendance records for the Student, and make such records available to Bristol Tennessee City Schools upon request;
- Any transportation of the Student to/from school for the released time course will remain the responsibility of either the Guardian or the Organization, not of Bristol Tennessee City Schools;
- The Guardian and the Organization will assume all responsibility and liability for the Student during the released time course, as well as any transportation to/from;
- In fact, the Guardian – *personally and on behalf of the minor Student* – expressly waives and holds Bristol Tennessee City Schools, including its agents, administrators, board members, contractors, and employees, and the State of Tennessee harmless from any and all claims, suits, damages, and the like related in any way to and/or stemming from the released time course, as well as any transportation to/from;
- The Student and the Guardian will assume responsibility for any missed schoolwork;
- The school's principal, or his/her designee, will work with the Organization to determine the class(es) from which the Student may be excused to participate in the released time course; provided, that the Student may not be excused to participate in a released time course during any class in which subject matter is taught for which the State requires an examination for state or federal accountability purposes; AND
- The released time course shall coincide with school class schedules.

**BEFORE EXECUTING BELOW, THE ABOVE-NAMED GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES HE/SHE BOTH READ AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THE ABOVE-OUTLINED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

_____ _____/_____/20_____

**Signature of the Guardian** **Date of Signing**

[1] Bristol Tennessee City Schools is a local educational agency ("LEA") which manages public schools located in Bristol, Tennessee. As an LEA, Bristol Tennessee City Schools cannot provide, nor may it in any way endorse, any released time course.