

MOMENT OF SILENCE

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that each school site shall follow the "Moment of Silence" law. The "Moment of Silence" law states that each school shall observe approximately one minute of silence each day with the purpose of allowing each student to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity.

The Board of Education, therefore, directs that schools observe approximately one minute of silence daily so that each student may exercise his or her individual choice to reflect, pray, or engage in other silent activity that does not interfere, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their individual choice.

The Moment of Silence will be observed each morning as a part of school announcements. The school principal will provide guidance to teaching staff and students as necessary to assure they have knowledge of the law and the appropriate options for observing the moment of silence. A script for announcing the moment of silence will be provided to students or staff participating in the daily announcements.

An example of the appropriate announcement follows: "As we begin another day, let us pause for a moment of silence to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in other silent activity".

If the District or school employee is sued for providing a moment of silence to students, the District must notify the Attorney General within five (5) days. The Attorney General will provide legal representation to the district or employee named as a defendant.

Source: Board of Education Policy Adoption August 5, 2002.
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