

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

SECULAR CONTENT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4067

*References: KRS 158.175 Lemon v. Kurtz, 403 U.S. 602 (1971)
Brown v Gwinnett County Sch. Dist., 112 F3d 1275 (11th Cir. 1997)*

Schools shall not include prayer on the agenda of any school program. Any individual's right to pray is protected by the United States Constitution. The Board permits a moment of quiet reflection on the agenda of any school program, or a part of the school day. The purpose of any quiet reflection shall be non-religious. This policy neither requires nor prohibits individual prayer by students.

Subject to OCBE Policy 4035 regarding the development of curriculum, teachers are permitted to:

1. Teach about religion with the use of the Bible or other scripture, but without providing religious instruction, for the secular study of:
 - a) The history of religion;
 - b) Comparative religions;
 - c) The Bible as literature;
 - d) The role of religion in the history of the United States and other countries; and
 - e) Religious influences on art, music, literature, and social studies; and
2. Teach about religious holidays, including religious aspects, and celebrate the secular aspects of holidays.

No guest speaker shall appear in any school without prior approval of the principal.