

158.195 Display of national motto in public elementary and secondary schools -- Reading and posting in public schools of texts and documents on American history and heritage.

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 - (a) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, local boards shall require each public elementary and secondary school to display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in the school.
 - (b) The display required in paragraph (a) of this subsection may take the form of but is not limited to a mounted plaque or student artwork.
 - (c) For purposes of this section, "prominent location" means a school entryway, cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see the national motto.
- (2) Local boards may allow any teacher or administrator in a public school district of the Commonwealth to read or post in a public school building, classroom, or event any excerpts or portions of: the national motto; the national anthem; the pledge of allegiance; the preamble to the Kentucky Constitution; the Declaration of Independence; the Mayflower Compact; the writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of the United States; United States Supreme Court decisions; and acts of the United States Congress including the published text of the Congressional Record. There shall be no content-based censorship of American history or heritage in the Commonwealth based on religious references in these writings, documents, and records.

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