

## Mission – Goals – Objectives

### Nondiscrimination

#### Commitment to Religious Neutrality (Prayer in the Schools)

It is the policy of the New London Board of Education to not prevent, or otherwise deny participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in the district's schools, consistent with the guidance previously issued by the U.S. Department of Education and applicable judicial decisions interpreting the religion clauses of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

This policy supersedes any other Board Policy that might be inconsistent with it.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-16a Silent meditation.

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited.

*Lee v. Weisman*, 112 S. Ct. 2649 (1992).

*Jones v. Clear Creek Independent School District*, 977 F. 2d 963 (5th Cir. 1992).

*Harris v. Joint School District*, 41 F.3d 447 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir., 1994).

*American Civil Liberties Union of NJ v. Black Horse Pike Regional Board of Education*, 84 F.3d 1471 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir., 1996).

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