

MINUTE OF SILENCE/VOLUNTARY PRAYER

PURPOSE: To comply with Oklahoma law requiring each public school observe approximately one minute of silence each day and permit voluntary prayer.

Oklahoma law requires the board of education of each school district ensure that all schools within the district observe approximately one minute of silence each day for the purpose of allowing each student, in the exercise of his or her individual choice, to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their individual choices. The daily minute of silence shall begin with an announcement over the public address system regarding this option.

Students and teachers can participate in voluntary prayer during the school day, at sporting events and graduation ceremonies. However, school district employees shall not teach, or instill by way of repetition, any sectarian or religious doctrine.

Any student or teacher who has not been permitted to participate in voluntary prayer should notify the relevant school principal of the violation of this policy within 10 days of said violation. If the complaint is not addressed to the complainant's satisfaction, the student/teacher should submit their complaint to the Office of the Superintendent for a response.

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Established by Law

Legal Reference: Title 70-11-101.2 Section 238.1; Title 70-11-101.1