

Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11
Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text

BEING THAT CISD Board Policy FNA(LOCAL) clearly states that A student may express his or her beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of the student's submission, and;

BEING THAT the relationship between religion and government in the United States is governed by the First Amendment to the Constitution, which both prevents the government from establishing religion and protects privately initiated religious expression and activities from government interference and discrimination, and;

BEING THAT Texas Education Code 25.901 and District Policy mandate that CISD students have an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school, and;

BEING THAT CISD Board Policy decrees that a CISD student shall not be required, encouraged, or coerced to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

BEING THAT CISD Board Policy says that the inclusion of religion in the study of history, culture, literature, music, drama, and art is essential to a full and fair presentation of the curriculum, and is appropriate as long as the material included is intrinsic to the field of study in which it is presented and as long as it is presented objectively, and;


BEING THAT the District's approach to teaching about religion shall be academic, not devotional; and;

BEING THAT all CISD students have a protected right to pray and read religious texts, and;

BEING THAT Texas Education Code 25.0823 is duplicative and unnecessary to protect CISD's students' constitutional rights to pray and read the Bible or other religious texts;

THEREFORE, the CASTLEBERRY ISD shall not adopt a policy to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as made optional by Education Code 25.0823.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2026, by the Board.

Board President's signature: 

Board Secretary's signature: 