Parent and Guardian Notifications:

Notice of Moment of Silence or Reflection

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A moment of silence or reflection is required in all schools and notification of such is required by KRS 158.175.

The moment of silence or reflection shall occur at the commencement of the first class of each day with the following guidelines included in the statute and Policy 08.1351:

1. The moment of silence or reflection shall be at least one (1) minute but not exceed two (2) minutes in duration;
2. Students are to remain seated and silent and make no distracting display so that each student may, in the exercise of his or her individual choice, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity which does not interfere with, distract from, or impede other students' exercise of individual choice;
3. District personnel shall not provide instruction to any student regarding the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence or reflection.

Parents are encouraged to review these guidelines and to provide guidance to your student(s) regarding the moment of silence or reflection.

SB 73- Sexual Extortion

With the signing of SB 73 by the Governor on March 12, 2025, schools are now required to provide parents or guardians of all students with written notice of the "Definition" section of Calloway County School Board Policy 09.4221. School personnel are also required to explain sexual extortion in an age-appropriate manner to all students in grades four (4) and above each school year.

The "Definition" section is below:

Sexual Extortion

Definition

A person is guilty of sexual extortion when he or she communicates, through any means, a threat to:

(a) Injure the property or reputation of another person or commit violence against another person with the intent to coerce that person to:

1. Engage in sexual conduct; or
2. Produce, provide, or distribute any matter depicting that person engaging in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity or seminudity; or

(b) Distribute any matter depicting another person engaged in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity or seminudity with the intent to coerce that person to:

1. Engage in sexual conduct;
2. Produce, provide, or distribute any matter depicting that person engaging in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity or seminudity;
3. Provide the payment of money, property, services, or any other thing of value to the perpetrator; or
4. Do any act or refrain from doing any act against his or her will.

Sexual extortion is a Class A misdemeanor unless:

(a) The victim, as a result of the commission of the offense:

1. Engages in sexual conduct;
2. Produces, provides, or distributes any matter depicting himself or herself engaging in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity or seminudity;
3. Provides the payment of money, property, services, or any other thing of value to the offender;
4. Does any act or refrains from doing any act against his or her will; or
5. Suffers serious physical injury;

In which case it is a Class D felony; or

(a) 1. The person:

a. Was previously convicted of any sexual offense under KRS Chapter 510 or a sex crime as defined in KRS 17.500;

b. Occupied a position of special trust or a position of authority as those terms are defined in KRS 532.045 in relation to the victim;

c. Used or threatened the use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument against the victim during the commission of the offense; or

d. Is an adult and the victim is a minor, and there is greater than a four (4) year difference in age between them; or

2. The offense was committed during the course of a kidnapping as described in KRS 509.040;

In which case the person shall be charged one (1) level higher than the level otherwise specified in this subsection.

If the victim attempts suicide resulting in serious physical injury or dies by suicide within ninety (90) days of the commission of the offense as a proximate result of the trauma the victim experience during or following the commission of the offense, the person may be prosecuted for homicide under KRS Chapter 507 or assault under KRS Chapter 508.

This section does not apply to:

(a) Images involving voluntary nudity or sexual conduct in public, commercial settings, or in a place where a person does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy;

(b) Disclosures made in the public interest, including the reporting of unlawful conduct, or lawful and common practices of law enforcement, criminal reporting, corrections, legal proceedings, or medical treatment;

(c) Disclosures of materials that constitute a matter of public concern; or

(d) When acting in its capacity as a provider of those services, a:

1. Broadband internet access service provider;

2. Telecommunications service provider, an interconnected VoIP service provider, or a mobile service providers as defined in 47 U.S.C. sec. 153;

3. Commercial mobile service providers as defined in 47 U.S.C. sec. 332; or

4. Cable operator as defined in 47 U.S.C. sect. 522; or

(e) An interactive computer service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. sec. 230, related to content provided by a user of the interactive computer service.[1]