



Prayer Space Usage and Accommodations Request Information During Fasting

At Westside Community Schools, we are committed to creating a welcoming and respectful environment where every student and staff member feels valued and supported, reflecting the mission of WE-SIDE at Westside Community Schools. We honor the diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and traditions represented within our school community and recognize that prayer may be a meaningful part of daily life for some students.

Westside Community Schools ensures that students and staff of all religious backgrounds have reasonable accommodation and access to prayer space within the school building.

Prayer Space:

If your child has indicated the need to be excused from a portion of at least one class to pray, please indicate on the form below and return to a building administrator. This means that your child would regularly miss instructional time or scheduled lunch time. By doing so, your student will be responsible for all work that needs to be completed or made up.

Westside Community Schools' students can access our designated prayer space during instructional time with parent/guardian authorization. By signing below, you are acknowledging that you understand your student may be missing daily instruction time and allow them to utilize the prayer space daily (as needed).

Religious Fasting:

We recognize that during periods of religious fasting, students may experience decreased energy levels or may prefer to avoid environments where food is being served. To support their well-being, the below accommodations may be made available. Students/Families may request these accommodations by completing the form below and returning to a building administrator.



Parent/Guardian Permission for Prayer Space Usage and Accommodations Requests During Fasting

Student Name (Print): _____ Student ID# _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please indicate the accommodation you are requesting:

_____ Prayer Space: (Please indicate the times requesting: _____ to _____ on the following dates:
_____)

- Administrators will determine a location and supervision schedule for prayer space. The space need not be the same physical location every day or the same type of location in every building.
- Access may be modified or revoked if expectations are not followed or if the accommodation substantially disrupts the educational environment or becomes unduly burdensome.

_____ Fasting Lunchtime Alternatives:

- During their scheduled lunch block, students who are fasting for religious reasons may request to report to an alternative space instead of the cafeteria. Students should make this request to administration, who will determine, and notify the student of, the alternative location.
- Students are expected to remain in the designated alternative location for the duration of the lunch period to ensure staff can account for their whereabouts.

_____ Fasting Physical Education (PE) or Family Consumer Science courses (FCS) Adjustments:

- Students who are fasting for religious reasons may be concerned about overexertion. Students may request alternate PE or FCS activities or to report to an alternative location instead of the PE or FCS classroom. This must be arranged with the PE or FCS teacher and administration prior to the start of the fasting period. Students are expected to remain in the designated alternative location for the duration of the class period to ensure staff can account for their whereabouts.

Please submit this form to your school building administrator. Thank you.