Houston County Board of Education

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General

Each school shall display the Ten Commandments, the first sentence of the second paragraph of the preamble to the Declaration of Independence, and the preamble to the United States Constitution in a prominent location. The displays shall educate students on the documents' historical significance and how the documents shaped the common cultural heritage of the school, Tennessee, and the United States of America.

PLACEMENT & SIZE OF DISPLAY

Schools shall prominently display these documents in a public area of each school. Each display shall be at least 16x20 in size. The text used in the display shall be at least twenty-six (26) point font in a style that is easy for students to read.

REQUIRED TEXT FOR DISPLAY

The following text for the Ten Commandments shall be used per state law:

"The Ten Commandments. I AM the LORD thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2026, Chapter No. 924