

# Marion County Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in November</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Prayer and Period of Silence</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>4.805</b>	Issued Date: <b>04/24/01</b>
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1 There shall be no school-sponsored or school-directed public prayer at any school-sponsored or school-  
2 directed activity<sup>1</sup>, but a period of silence <sup>2</sup> shall be observed.

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4 The teacher of the first class of each day shall call the students to order and announce that a moment of  
5 silence is to be observed. No other action shall be taken by a teacher other than to maintain silence for  
6 the full time.

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8 There shall be no sponsorship of a baccalaureate service or other activity which is religious in nature by  
9 the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be used for such activities.

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Legal References:

1. *Lee v. Weisman*, 505 U.S. 112 S. Ct.2649, 120 L. Ed.2d 467 (1992)
2. TCA 49-6-1004