

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Prayer and Period of Silence	Descriptor Code: 4.805	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 There shall be no school-sponsored or school-directed public prayer at any school-sponsored or
2 school-directed activity¹, but a period of silence ² 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 mo-
5 ment of silence is to be observed. No other action shall be taken by a teacher other than to maintain
6 silence for 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
9 by the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be used for such
10 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

Cross Reference:

Student Equal Access 4.802