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Descriptor Term:

Prayer and Period of Silence

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There shall be no school-sponsored or school-directed public prayer at any school-sponsored or school-directed activity¹, but a period of silence ² shall be obseved.

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

There shall be no sponsorship of a baccalaureate service or other activity which is religious in nature by the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be used for such activities.³

Legal References:

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