

Weakley County Board of Education



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Prayer and Period of Silence

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- 2 There shall be no school-sponsored or school-directed public prayer at any school-sponsored or
- 3 school-directed activity,¹ but a period of silence² shall be observed.
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- 5 The teacher of the first class of each day shall call the students to order and announce that a
- 6 moment of silence is to be observed. No other action shall be taken by a teacher other than to
- 7 maintain silence for the full time.
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- 9 There shall be no sponsorship of a baccalaureate service or other activity which is religious in
- 10 nature by the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be used
- 11 for such activities.

Legal References:

¹ *Lee v. Weisman*, 505 US 112 S. Ct. 2649, 120 L. Ed.2d 467 (1992)

² TCA 49-6-1004; USCA 20 § 7904

Cross Reference:

4.802 Student Equal Access