

Tennessee Laws on Religious Expression in Public-Schools



Voluntary Expressions of Religious Viewpoint

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2904)

Students can pray, share beliefs, and possess religious materials in school.



Equal Treatment of Viewpoints

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1802(a))

Schools must treat voluntary religious expressions the same as secular viewpoints on permissible subjects.



Expression of Religion in Coursework

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1804)

Students may express religious beliefs in assignments without discrimination, and grading must be based on academic standard.



Non-Discrimination Based on Religious Expression

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1802(b))

Students cannot be discriminated against for expressing religious viewpoints.



LORD TEACH US TO PRAY



(Luke 11: 1-4)

Moment of Silence

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1004)

Schools must observe a minute of silence daily, allowing voluntary prayer without teacher influence.



Voluntary Student Prayers

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1004)

Students may lead nonsectarian prayers during school events, but teachers cannot dictate their content.



Religious Clubs

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1805)

Students can form religious clubs and use school facilities equally with non-curricular groups without discrimination.



Advertising of Religious Gatherings

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1805)

Religious groups can promote their meetings similarly to other non-curricular activities without favoritism or discrimination.

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