

**TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 35. STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE
LEVEL, SECONDARY, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS**

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Part 25. STANDARD XIV: FREEDOM OF RELIGION [NEW]

210:35-3-251. Voluntary prayer

- (a) Every public school district shall adopt a policy that permits those students and teachers who wish to do so to participate in voluntary prayer.
- (b) Such policy shall include:
 - (1) include provisions authorizing voluntary prayer at sporting events and graduation ceremonies in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School Dist.*, 142 S. Ct. 2407 (2022); and
 - (2) include provisions for addressing complaints regarding violations of 70 O.S. § 11-101.1.
- (c) The State Department of Education shall annually verify that districts have adopted policies that comply with this rule and shall recommend an accreditation deficiency to the State Board of Education for any school district that fails to comply.

210:35-3-252. Minute of silence in public schools

- (a) Every public school district shall adopt a policy enforcing the minute of silence provided for in 70 O.S. § 11-101.2.
- (b) Such policy shall:
 - (1) require that the daily minute of silence last for approximately one minute;
 - (2) require that the daily minute of silence begin with an announcement over the public address system that substantially mirrors the statutory language, such as the following announcement: "We now pause for a minute of silence in which students and teachers may reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their individual choices"; and
 - (3) include provisions for addressing complaints regarding violations of 70 O.S. § 11-101.2.
- (c) The State Department of Education shall annually verify that districts have adopted policies that comply with this rule and shall recommend an accreditation deficiency to the State Board of Education for any school district that fails to comply.