

MINUTE OF SILENCE

At the beginning of each school day in which students are present at school, the Millwood Public School District shall observe one minute of silence for the purpose of allowing each student, in the exercise of his or her choice, to 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. Students or staff shall not coerce or attempt to coerce any person to engage in any particular activity during the minute of silence.

The following statement shall be read over the intercom by the appropriate administrative staff as part of the opening activities for the school day:

"All students and staff are asked to observe a minute of silence to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with others. The minute of silence shall begin now."

In the event that the school site does not have an intercom, the statement set forth above shall be read by the classroom teacher at a time indicated by the administration. The teacher shall also indicate when the minute of silence is concluded. Teachers shall limit their comments regarding the minute of silence to the statement set forth above or face possible disciplinary action.

Reference: 70-11-101.2
School Law Section 238.1