

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Albemarle County School Board recognizes that a moment of silence before each school day prepares students and staff for their respective work or school days. ~~Therefore, each teacher shall observe a moment of silence at the beginning of the first class of each school day.~~

~~The teacher responsible for each class shall make sure that each student: (1) remains seated and silent and (2) does not disrupt or distract other students during the moment of silence. The moment may be used for any lawful silent activity, including personal reflection, prayer and meditation. Teachers shall not influence, in any way, students to pray or meditate or not to pray or meditate during the moment of silence.~~

Therefore, one minute of silence is observed in each classroom in the School Division every day.

During such period of silence, the teacher responsible for such classroom takes care that all students remain seated and silent and make no distracting display so that each student may, in the exercise of individual choice, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity which does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the like exercise of individual choice.

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