

MINUTE OF SILENCE

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Alexandria City Public Schools respects and celebrates the diversity of our student population. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, one minute of silence is observed in each classroom in the division every day.

During such period of silence, the teacher responsible for each classroom takes care that all pupils remain silent and make no distracting display so that each pupil 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 pupils in the like exercise of individual choice. Teachers respect that some forms of meditation or prayer require movement.

This minute of silence does not replace other times ACPS students may need to individually meditate or pray.

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Legal Refs: Code of Virginia § 22.1-203; Virginia State Board of Education “Guidelines Concerning Religious Activity in the Public Schools;” Wallace v Jaffree, 472 U.S. 38 (1985).