

	<b>ROANE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	
	<b>Prayer and Period of Silence</b>	Policy # <b>6.40</b>
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1 **6.40 - PRAYER AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

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3 Public prayer shall not be allowed at any school-sponsored or school-directed activity.<sup>1</sup>

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5 There shall be no sponsorship of a baccalaureate service or other activity which is religious in  
6 nature by the Board or its employees, and no school funds, including paid staff time, will be  
7 used for such activities.

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9 **6.40a - PERIOD OF SILENCE**

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11 A period of silence <sup>2</sup> shall be observed at the beginning of each school day as follows:

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13 The principal of each school shall be responsible for calling the students to order and  
14 announcing that a moment of silence is to be observed. No other action shall be taken by a  
15 teacher other than to maintain silence for the full time.

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17 At the end of one (1) minute the teacher shall indicate the end of the period of silence and  
18 shall resume regular class activities.

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20 Other periods of silence may be observed as determined by the principal of each school.

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Legal References:

<sup>1</sup> Lee v. Weisman

<sup>2</sup> TCA 49-6-1004