

## INSTRUCTION

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### MINUTE OF SILENCE

1. The principal of each school shall designate the time during the school day when the required minute of silence will be observed.
2. The principal shall instruct all teachers to explain the expectation for the minute of silence to all students.
3. Students and staff may use the minute of silence for any lawful activity including reflection, prayer, and meditation.
4. No student or staff member shall be allowed to speak aloud during the minute of silence.

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Legal References: 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).