



# Board Resolution Reaffirming Voluntary Religious Expression and the reading of Religious Texts

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# Current Provisions

Well-established rights under federal and state law that are reflected in Board Policy.

Students may:

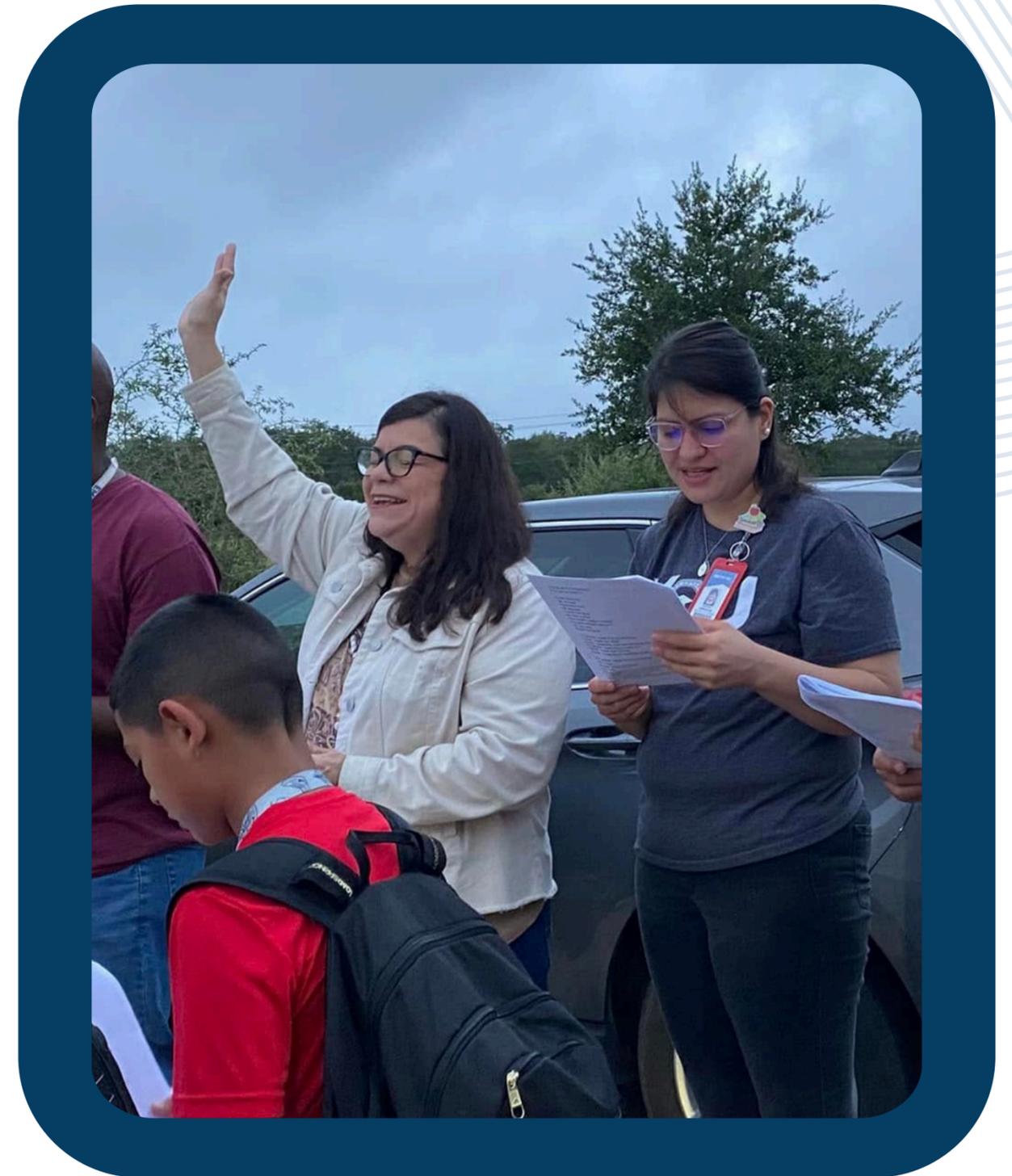
- Pray individually or in groups.
- Read religious texts.
- Organize religious clubs (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).
- Engage in religious expression before, during, and after school.
  - All religious expression must be voluntary and nondisruptive.
  - May not be school-sponsored or over a public address system.



# Prayer is Not Limited to One Time per Day

Students may pray at appropriate times throughout the school day.

- Religious expression is not confined to a designated moment or event.
- Examples:
  - During the daily moment of silence, before a test, during lunch, between classes, during free time, etc.
  - See you at the Pole
  - Fields of Faith
  - Faith-Based Leadership



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- This resolution for consideration pertains to current law and practices regarding prayer and the reading of religious texts.
- Reaffirms the commitment to supporting and valuing staff and students' rights to religious expression, in accordance with law and policy.



## Bryan Independent School District Resolution of the Board of Trustees Regarding Voluntary Religious Expression and Religious Texts

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Bryan Independent School District is committed to supporting students and staff while upholding all applicable federal and state laws, including constitutional protections related to freedom of religion, speech, and expression; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board values and respects the diverse religious beliefs and perspectives represented within the District and affirms the importance of protecting individual rights in a manner that fosters mutual respect and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, in full compliance with current state and federal law, the Board affirms students' rights to voluntarily pray, read religious texts, express religious viewpoints, and organize religious groups before, during, and after the school day on the same basis as other noncurricular groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the District currently allows and supports the right of students and staff to engage in personal and individualized religious expression at appropriate times throughout the school day, when they feel the need for such expression, rather than limiting it to designated times or locations; and

### IT IS THEREFORE:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Bryan Independent School District reaffirms its commitment to supporting and valuing students and staff while upholding all constitutional and statutory protections related to religious expression in public schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board will continue to ensure students and staff may exercise voluntary religious expression, including prayer, in a lawful, nondisruptive, and flexible manner throughout the school day consistent with existing law and District policy, and at times when such expression is personally meaningful and appropriate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the



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