

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Gloucester County School Board recognizes that a moment of silence before each school day prepares students and staff for their respective work on school days. Therefore, each teacher shall observe one minute 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 interfere with, distract, or impede other students during the moment of silence. The moment may be used for any lawful silent activity, including personal reflection, prayer, or meditation. Teachers shall not influence students, in any way, to pray or meditate or not to pray or meditate during the moment of silence.

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