

Each student in Cherokee County schools shall be afforded the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America each school day. The time and manner for recitation will be prescribed by the principal. No individual will be required to participate.

This policy will be distributed to each teacher.

**Moment of Silence**

In compliance with Georgia Law, at the opening of school on every school day in each public school classroom, the teacher in charge shall conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not more than 60 seconds with the participation of all the pupils. This moment of quiet reflection is not intended to be a religious service or exercise but shall be considered as an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.

Teachers and administrators shall not suggest or imply that students should or should not use the moment of reflection for prayer, nor shall they deny to any student the right to use it for a moment of quiet prayer. Students and/or staff may not under any circumstances use the moment of quiet reflection to audibly pray, single or in unison.

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**Cherokee County Board of Education**