

MELISSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE MELISSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING A PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF RELIGIOUS TEXT
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 11

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature recently passed SB 11 (TEC § 25.0823), allowing the MELISSA Independent School District Board of Trustees to adopt a policy that meets the specific parameters of the law requiring every campus of the District to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text on each school day;

WHEREAS, MELISSA ISD affirms and upholds the First Amendment free exercise of religion rights of students and employees;

WHEREAS, MELISSA ISD acknowledges the importance of complying with the requirements of TEC § 25.0823 as outlined above;

WHEREAS, MELISSA ISD recognizes the parent's right and responsibility to lead their child's religious education;

WHEREAS, MELISSA ISD affirms the Texas Education Code § 25.901 that "a public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or mediate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school;"

WHEREAS, MELISSA ISD maintains a period of silence in accordance with Section 25.082(d) in which students may choose to "reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MELISSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That the findings and recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Board shall not adopt a policy providing a specific, designated period of prayer and reading of religious text during the school day;
3. That the Board will continue to respect and honor the parent's ultimate right to lead his or her child's religious education;
4. The Board and District Administration will continue to work with families to accommodate and support the free exercise of religion;

5. That it is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, time, place and subject of the meeting of the MELISSA ISD Board at which this Resolution was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The MELISSA ISD Board further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and posting thereof.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2026.

By: _____
Paul Anderson, President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By: _____
Amy Feagin, Secretary
Board of Trustees