

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF UVALDE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

UVALDE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGARDING ADOPTION OF A POLICY PROVIDING A PERIOD OF PRAYER AND READING OF THE BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT PURSUANT TO TEXAS EDUCATION CODE §25.0823

WHEREAS, the 89th Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 11, codified as **Texas Education Code §25.0823**, authorizing the board of trustees of a public school district to adopt a policy 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; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code §25.0823 requires a school district board of trustees to take a record vote on whether to adopt a resolution authorizing such a policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District desires to comply with applicable state law and to establish a policy consistent with the requirements of Texas Education Code §25.0823;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Adoption of Resolution Required by Law

Pursuant to Texas Education Code §25.0823(a-1), the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following resolution:

“The Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Section 25.0823, Education Code.”

Section 2. Adoption of Policy

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and implement administrative regulations and procedures necessary to carry out the policy in compliance with Texas Education Code §25.0823 and all applicable state and federal law.

Section 3. Required Elements of Policy

The policy adopted pursuant to this Resolution shall include, at minimum, the following provisions:

1. Voluntary Participation and Consent

- No student or employee shall be permitted to participate in the period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text unless:
 - The employee, or the parent or guardian of the student, submits a signed consent form to the District; and
 - The consent form includes:
 - An acknowledgment that participation is voluntary;
 - A statement that the employee or parent/guardian has no objection to participation in or hearing of prayers or readings offered during the period; and
 - An express waiver of claims arising under state or federal law related to the adoption of the policy, as required by Texas Education Code §25.0823.

2. Protection of Non-Participants

- The policy shall ensure that a period of prayer and reading of religious texts is not conducted in the physical presence of, within the hearing of, or otherwise imposed upon any student or employee for whom a signed consent form has not been submitted or has been revoked.

3. Instructional Time

- The designated period shall not be a substitute for instructional time and shall be scheduled in a manner consistent with state instructional requirements.

4. Public Address Systems

- Prayer or reading of religious texts shall not be conducted over a public address or similar broadcast system.

5. Revocation of Consent

- A student's parent or guardian, or an employee, may revoke consent at any time by notifying the appropriate campus administrator, and participation shall cease until a new consent form is submitted.

6. Implementation and Compliance

- The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for collection and maintenance of consent forms, supervision of the designated period, and compliance with legal guidance provided by district counsel or the Office of the Attorney General.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and the policy shall be implemented beginning with the school year or semester determined by the Board, consistent with Texas Education Code §25.0823.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District on this ___ day of _____, 2026, by record vote.

BOARD PRESIDENT
Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

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