

Campus Prayer Toolbox

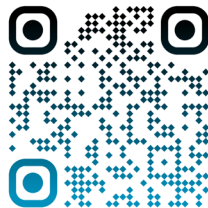
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There are great tools, resources, and guidance to get started at these websites below. Bring this flyer to your school administration, counselor, and the parent/teacher organization to share with them how you would like to exercise your religious rights at your school campus.



www.gogateways.org/school-leaders



www.syatp.com/pages/adults



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www.fieldsofffaith.com/what-is-fields-of-faith/



www.fca.org/get-involved/coach



Do You Know Your Religious Liberty Rights as Coaches on Your School Campus?



What Are Your Rights?

Are you wondering what is, and isn't, legal or appropriate when it comes to how the Bible and Christianity can be addressed in your classroom? You are not alone. There is a common misconception that teaching about the Bible and Christianity is not allowed in a public school classroom. The resources on this page will clear up that confusion and help you move from fear to freedom.

Did You Know Public School Students Can...

- Express faith in classwork and homework
- Pray, read the Bible or other religious texts, and talk about faith at school when not engaged in school activities or instruction
- Distribute religious literature
- Wear clothing with religious messages
- Organize prayer groups, religious clubs and announce meetings



House Bill 547-AN ACT relating to First Amendment rights in public schools.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit a school district from punishing an employee for engaging in private religious expression otherwise protected by the First Amendment absent a showing of engaging in actual coercion; provide specific examples of protected activity; establish limits of applicability.



Does Freedom of Religion Extend to my Classroom?

AFA Journal article, December 2015



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The court ruled that a school district violated coach Joe Kennedy's First Amendment rights

Joe Kennedy was a junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant coach with the Bremerton School District in Washington from 2008 to 2015. He began the practice of reciting a post-game prayer by himself, but eventually students started joining him. According to court documents, this evolved into motivational speeches that included religious themes. After an opposing coach brought it to the principal's attention, the school district told Kennedy to stop. He did, temporarily, then notified the school that he would resume the practice.

At issue was whether a public school employee praying alone but in view of students was engaging in unprotected "government speech," and if it is not government speech, does it still pose a problem under the First Amendment's Establishment Clause.

The Supreme Court ruled Monday in a 6-3 decision that the answer to both questions is no.

Credit: Fox News Channel, Published June 27, 2022

