

NEW Legislation Impacting Florida's Public Schools in 2021

House Bill 529

Moment of Silence in Public Schools

- Requires principals to require teachers to set aside time for a moment of silence;
- Prohibits teachers from making suggestions to the nature of any reflection during the moment of silence;
- Deletes provision authorizing district school boards to provide a brief period of silent prayer or meditation;
- Requires certain teachers to encourage parents or guardians to discuss moments of silence & make suggestions as to the best use of this time.
- Amends Florida Statute 1003.45, Permitting the study of the Bible and religion; requiring a moment of silence.
- **Effective Date: July 1, 2021**



How will HB 529 impact my child's academic day?

Each morning, at the start of school, there will be 1-2 minutes of silence observed in all classrooms, in all grades.

Students may NOT interfere with another student's participation.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the moment of silence with their children and make suggestions as to the best use of this time.