

Daily 60-Second Moment of Silence

Starting with the **2026–2027 school year**, Meridian Technical Charter High School—along with all public schools across the state—will observe a daily 60-second moment of silence at or near the beginning of each school day. This update reflects the requirements of [Idaho Code Title 33-1639](#) (enacted under Idaho House Bill 623).

What Parents Should Know

- **Student Freedom:** During this minute, students are free to use the time in whatever way is personally meaningful to them—whether that means quiet reflection, silent prayer, or simply taking a peaceful moment to prepare for the day. No other activity is allowed.
- **Teacher Guidance:** By law, school staff **cannot** instruct or guide students on how to use this time. Their role is strictly to maintain a calm, quiet, and respectful classroom free from distractions or interruptions.
- **Classroom Expectations:** All students are expected to remain completely silent, no distracting displays and respectful of others during this time.

Talking to Your Student

We encourage you to discuss this daily moment of silence with your teenager. It is a great opportunity to share your family's values, traditions, or beliefs, and to guide them on how you'd like them to spend this time. These conversations help students use the minute thoughtfully while learning to respect the diverse beliefs and quiet moments of their peers.