



Complaint Form for Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act

This form must be completed, signed, and submitted to the Nevada Department of Education. The completed form may be submitted via email to the Nevada Department of Education Title I Director & Federal Liaison, Gabrielle Lamarre, Esq. via email at glamarre@doe.nv.gov or mailed to:

Nevada Department of Education
Attn: Gabrielle Lamarre
2080 E. Flamingo Rd.
Suite 220
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Complaint Process for Constitutionally Protected Prayer Time Limit

The timeframe that a state education agency (SEA) has for responding to a complaint from parents, teachers, students, or other individuals concerning violations of ESEA section 8524(b-c) regarding Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression is 45 days. In addition, the SEA must report all complaints filed under this section to the U.S. Department of Education Secretary.

Constitutionally Protected Prayer Information

In order to receive federal funds, a local education agency (LEA) must annually certify in writing to its (SEA) that the LEA has no policy that prevents or denies student and staff participation in constitutionally protected prayer in its elementary and secondary schools.

Contexts that fall under constitutionally protected prayer include:

- praying during non-instructional time, such as during recess or lunch;
- organized prayer groups and activities;
- moments of silence;
- reading religious texts during non-instructional time;
- students distributing religious materials to schoolmates;
- praying before meals

Staff members also are permitted to meet with colleagues before school or during lunch for prayer or religious study groups. Teachers are not permitted to engage in those activities with students. Students also may express their religious beliefs in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments. Please refer to the U.S. Department of Education's guidance for more detailed information regarding Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Schools: [Guidance](#). If you believe an LEA has violated the provisions of ESEA 8524, please complete the following complaint form and submit it to the address or email address listed in the first section of this document.



Complaint Form

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1. Name of person filing complaint:
2. Title/position of person filling out complaint:
3. Name of school:
4. Street address of school:
5. Email of person filing this complaint:
6. Phone number of person filing this complaint:
7. Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA) this claim is against:
8. Street address of the LEA:

Complaint Details

1. What federal or regulatory requirements that apply to constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression do you believe have been violated? (Please attach any supporting documentation).
2. Please describe the issue(s), including dates and any steps you have taken and people you have contacted from the LEA to resolve the issue and their response(s). Attach supporting documentation.
3. Describe the action or solution you feel would resolve this problem.
4. Are you willing to participate in the mediation process to try to resolve your concerns?
Yes No

Please print, sign and send this completed complaint form and all supplemental documentation to Gabrielle Lamarre.

Signature:

Date:

For SEA use only:

Date Received:

Complaint reported to USDOE on (date):