Voluntary Prayer Policy

The Board of Education ("Board") of the Virtual Preparatory Academy of Oklahoma ("School") hereby adopts a policy providing for the voluntary participation in prayer. This policy shall permits those students and teachers who wish to do so to participate in voluntary prayer. Additionally, it is the intent of the Board for this policy to authorize voluntary prayer at sporting events and graduation ceremonies in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Kennedy v. Bremerton* School Dist., 142 S. Ct. 2407 (2022). Further, the Board directs the Head of School to ensure a process is made available to address complaints regarding violations of 70 O.S. § 11-101.1, which provides for voluntary prayer for those students and teachers who wish to so participate. This policy is intended to comply with applicable Oklahoma law and administrative rule as necessary to ensure compliance therewith as well as any accreditation requirements of the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Adopted:_____

Legal Reference*:* *70 O.S. §11-101.1*
Okla. Admin. Code § 210:35-3-251