

# POLICY

No. 1050

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## PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS

It is the policy of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to not prevent, or otherwise deny participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in the BOCES' schools, consistent with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and applicable judicial decisions interpreting the religion clauses of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

This policy supersedes any other Board of Cooperative Educational Services policy, regulation or procedure that might be inconsistent with it.

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