

## OPENING EXERCISES

The opening exercises in the classrooms of all Yonkers Public Schools will include the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The opening exercises shall also include a brief period of silent meditation for up to one minute. Such period of silent meditation is not intended to be, and shall not be conducted as, a religious service or exercise. Rather, it shall be considered an opportunity for silent meditation on a religious theme by those who are so disposed, or a moment of silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day. No student shall be required to stand during this period.

Ref: Education Law §3029-a

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