



KENORA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

200 Educational Programs & Materials Procedures

AP 204: Opening and Closing Exercises

All schools in the Kenora Catholic District School Board will ensure that opening or closing exercises are held in accordance with the requirements set out in the acts and regulations.

1. The opening and/or closing exercises must include the singing of *O Canada* and may include the recitation of a pledge of citizenship in the form set out in the regulations.
2. The opening and/or closing exercises must include prayer and may include:
 - 2.1 Scriptural writings including prayers
 - 2.2 Secular writings
 - 2.3 A period of silence
3. A pupil is not required to participate in the opening or closing exercises in such circumstances as outlined in the regulation which follows:
 - 3.1 In the case of a pupil who is less than 18 years old, if the pupil's parent or guardian applies to the principal of the school for an exemption from the exercises.
 - 3.2 In the case of a pupil who is at least 18 years old, if the pupil applies to the principal for an exemption from the exercises.

Legal Reference: Education Act - S. 304: Opening and Closing Exercises
Regulation 298 Operation of Schools - S. 4: Readings and Exemptions
Regulation 435/00: Opening and Closing Exercises

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