

**158.195 Display of national motto in public elementary and secondary schools -- Reading and posting in public schools of texts and documents on American history and heritage -- Posting of restrictions on child labor in public school buildings that contain instructional space for students in grades six through twelve.**

- (1) (a) Local boards shall require each public elementary and secondary school to display the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," in a prominent location in the school.
- (b) The display required in paragraph (a) of this subsection may take the form of but is not limited to a mounted plaque or student artwork.
- (2) As used in this section, "prominent location" means a school entryway, cafeteria, or common area where students are likely to see an item on display.
- (3) Local boards may allow any teacher or administrator in a public school district of the Commonwealth to read or post in a public school building, classroom, or event any excerpts or portions of: the national motto; the national anthem; the pledge of allegiance; the preamble to the Kentucky Constitution; the Declaration of Independence; the Mayflower Compact; the writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of the United States; United States Supreme Court decisions; and acts of the United States Congress including the published text of the Congressional Record. There shall be no content-based censorship of American history or heritage in the Commonwealth based on religious references in these writings, documents, and records.
- (4) Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, local boards shall require each public school building that contains instructional space for students in grades six (6) through twelve (12) to conspicuously display in a prominent location, in both English and Spanish, a printed abstract of KRS 339.210 to 339.450, a list of the limited or prohibited occupations for minors, and a notice stating the working hours per day for each day of the week permissible for minors to work. The same information or display shall also be posted on a district's or school's website.

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