

Florida Considers Expanding 'In God We Trust' in Classrooms

The state of Florida may soon feature more displays of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

A new bill in Florida is reigniting the conversation about faith in public education. House Bill 1009, introduced by Rep. Kimberly Daniels, D-Jacksonville, would mandate schools to display the phrase "In God We Trust"—a reminder of America's spiritual foundation.

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According to the "Tampa Free Press," the bill is called the "Florida Religious Liberty Awareness and Activation Act," which stems from the 2018 law for school boards in the state to create rules about displaying "In God We Trust" in the school system.

If passed, the bill would require the phrase on a 22-inch by 28-inch poster in schools where students, faculty and staff could read it easily, such as in cafeterias, libraries, gymnasiums and central offices.

This bill goes a step further, ensuring protections for religious expression, affirming students' rights to pray, wear faith-based attire and discuss their beliefs freely. It even works to protect the rights of personnel to be involved in students' religious activities so long as it doesn't clash with class instructional time.

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Daniels' bill seeks not only to create a religious safe haven in public schools, but to mandate the national anthem and moment of silence during the start of the school day, requiring any student not engaging with the pledge of allegiance, national anthem or moment of silence to be excused by parental note.

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If the state votes to implement the bill, these programs would start on July 1, 2025.

When faith is honored in the classroom, it sets the foundation for wisdom, character and moral clarity. As believers, we must stand for righteousness, ensuring that God's truth is not erased from public life. Now is the time to pray, speak out and take action for the next generation.

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