

Pray for the Education System

The goals, content and approach of modern-day education have changed dramatically from the schooling children received when our nation was first conceived. Formal, public education was just taking shape at that time as the newly formed government took responsibility for helping parents with this aspect of their children's upbringing. With the 1635 founding of America's first public school, the Boston Latin School, biblical faith was unapologetically woven into classroom teaching. Many teachers were local pastors, and a reverence for the Almighty and His precepts was viewed as an integral part of true knowledge.

Today's schools are a far cry from those early classrooms. The influence of postmodern thought has left its mark on 21st-century education, introducing concepts such as pluralism, "tolerance," and the rejection of absolute truth. While the textbooks used in colonial days promoted a faith-based worldview, today's curricula are replete with materials that accept and, in some cases, even condone immoral activities and lifestyles. Meanwhile, revisionist teachings about our country's founding remove any reference to the Christian underpinnings that have long set our nation

apart and
helped it thrive.

With this type of atmosphere
pervading our classrooms, it's especially critical that we
pray for our
nation's public school teachers, administrators and students.
Ask the
Lord to raise up a new generation of dedicated educators who
will commit
themselves not only to an honest, accurate presentation of all
subject
matter, but who will also serve as positive role models for
their
students. In addition, let's not forget to uphold our local
school
boards in prayer as they make decisions about the various
curricula that
are used across the country.

Scripture

Use these scriptures to pray for safety, morally sound
instruction and wholesome environments.

- *Deuteronomy 11:18-19*
- *Psalms 34:7*
- *Matthew 19:14*
- *Psalms 90:16-17*

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from the National Day of Prayer's website.*