

SB11

Stop State-Sponsored Prayer in Public Schools



TESTIFYING AT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

SB 11 is a Texas law passed in 2025 that requires school districts and charter schools to vote on whether to adopt a policy creating a daily period of prayer that includes reading of the Bible and other religious text.

What's the big deal? Teaching about religion has always been appropriate in public education, but SB 11 promotes state-sanctioned religious practice & instruction. Adopting this law *creates legal uncertainty*. There are no clear rules on which prayers, texts, or leaders are allowed. SB11 also *invites division*. Students will be separated or excluded based on religious background / waiver status. Lastly, SB11 *shifts responsibility*. School staff, not clergy, must manage religious practices.

That's why we are asking YOU to testify at your school board.



Quick tip! Most school boards have time limitations for public comment and require registering in advance. Be sure to look up these details before you testify.

INTRODUCTION

Introduce yourself and your ask. Make it personal – you are a real person in the community impacted by this issue. Share who you are and your relationship to the district (“I am a parent/ teacher / student / community member”). From there, make a clear and concise ask before going into your testimony (“**VOTE NO** on SB 11”).

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share your experience or vantage point. Think about how you relate to it. Are you a current or former student? Reflect on your experiences in school that exemplify the importance of this issue. Are you a parent? Reflect on what you want for your children and share any barriers a proposal presents toward making those dreams a reality. Are you a current or former educator? Reflect on your personal experiences in the classroom and what benefits your students. Don't fit in any of those categories? Reflect on why you care despite your indirect impact. Need ideas for talking points? [Find ideas here!](#)

CLOSE WITH YOUR ASK

Be clear and concise in reiterating your ask. State very clearly what you want the board members to do. Ask them to heed your concerns and vote no to the adoption of SB11. Close by thanking them for their time and offer a brief reminder to keep your testimony in mind when it comes time to vote.

