

ESEA Director's Training Curriculum

1.5 Prayer Certification

The constitutionally protected prayer certification is required as a condition of receiving funds under ESSA. Each LEA must certify, in writing, to the Tennessee Department of Education (department) that no policy of the LEA prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools. The LEA is required to report instances if they have occurred.

Required Deadlines:

- **Oct. 1:** Prayer Certification completed in ePlan under Data and Information.

Available Resources:

- [Divisional Coordinator](#)
- In [ePlan > TDOE Resources](#) > Prayer Certification
 - [Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer](#)
 - [Webinar: Annual Prayer Certification Tool](#)
 - [Slide deck to Webinar: Annual Prayer Certification Tool](#)

Action Steps & Recommended Timeline:

- **Oct. 1:** Prayer Certification submitted in ePlan under Data and Information.