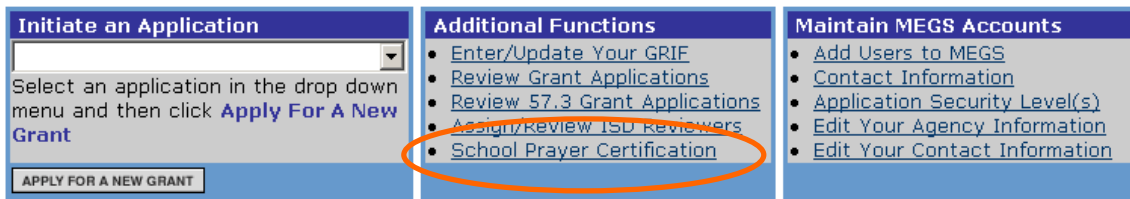


# CERTIFICATION OF CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED PRAYER

Subject: Submission of Certification of Constitutionally Protected Prayer in MEGS.

1. In order to meet the requirements of Section 9524 of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (“ESEA”) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, all Intermediate School Districts, Local Education Agencies, and Public School Academies must submit their certification that they have no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools. Complete details are provided in the guidance that can be found on the Michigan Department of Education’s (MDE) website at [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde). Click on the “No Child Left Behind” button on the right. Scroll down to the “What’s New” section and click on Prayer in Schools.
2. To submit this certification to the State of Michigan all agencies will use the Michigan Electronic Grants System. Only MEGS Authorized Officials (Level 5) will be able to submit the certification.
3. To submit the certification using MEGS:
  - a. The agency’s MEGS Authorized Official, level 5, will log into MEGS. On the Main Menu, in the Additional Functions Section, click on the link “School Prayer Certification.”



- b. The Authorized Official will review the Constitutionally Protected Prayer Certification. If the school district/PSA has an appropriate policy the level 5 can click “I Agree.”



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In order to submit your Certification of Constitutionally Protected Prayer you must first agree to the following statement:

I, Dr. Joshua S. Tkaczyk certify:

That no policy of Agate Head Start, District Code 00003, prevents, or otherwise denies participation in constitutionally protected prayer in public schools as set forth in the U.S. Department of Education's Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, dated February 7, 2003.

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- c. When the Authorized Official indicates agreement, the screen will present a confirmation of submission, indicating the name and the date/time of the submission. This certification may be printed by using the Print button.



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- d. The print button will cause the screen to re-format to allow the entire text to be printed. A print dialog box will be presented giving the user an option to print multiple copies. The confirmation of submission and the print option will be available through the Authorized Official's Main Menu.



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4. Once the constitutionally protected prayer certification has been submitted, the Michigan Department of Education will maintain an annual record of the district's/PSA's submission. Therefore, future grant applications during the year will be covered and no additional certification will be necessary.