

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-5-13D**

## **§18-5-13d. Use of school facilities for funeral and memorial services.**

(a) Public schools in this state serve as an integral part of the community and the death of a community member of distinction who was a military service member or veteran who served under honorable conditions, or who served as a first responder, can have a significant impact on students and the surrounding community.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or any policy currently in place, county boards of education shall allow school facilities in the county to be used for the funeral or memorial service, or both funeral and memorial services, of a community member of distinction who was a military service member or veteran who served under honorable conditions or who served as a first responder, consistent with this section. County boards may set up a process by which requests to use school facilities for such purposes may be made. County boards may not be responsible for additional costs incurred as a result of holding the funeral or memorial service at the school facility.

(c) Any funeral or memorial service held at a school facility may not disrupt or interfere with classroom instruction, any other scheduled school event or activity, or other official governmental use, such as when a school serves as a polling place for an election.