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The Ruling on reciting Surah Al-Fatihah (the opening chapter of the Qur'an) during school's morning assembly

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Some girls' schools ask us about the ruling on girls' loudly reciting Surah Al-Fatihah at the school's morning assembly. Being a matter of importance, kindly inform us of the ruling so we can circulate it among the schools.

A: It is an act of Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion) that school boys and girls recite Surah Al-Fatiha during the school's morning assembly. The Prophet is reported to have said: [\(Whoever does an act extraneous to ours \(religious acts\), his act is rejected.\)](#) Narrated by [Al-Bukhari and Muslim](#).

However, there is no harm if various topics are recited and broadcast alternatively including Al-Fatihah i.e. some Qur'anic Ayahs (verses), some authentic Hadiths, some proverbs or wisdom, Islamic songs or anthems, etc.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet, his family, and companions!

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