## The Ten Commandments

- 1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2. You shall make no idols.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.
- 6. You shall not murder.
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10. You shall not covet.

For nearly three centuries, the Ten Commandments held a prominent position within American public education, serving as a foundational moral code taught in classrooms across the nation. Their inclusion was deeply rooted in the belief that the principles outlined in the Commandments - such as respecting authority, upholding honesty, and avoiding violence - were essential for building a just and ethical society, aligning with the values considered fundamental to American culture. RGIA.US