The Ten Commandments

1. I AM THE LORD THY GOD: THOU SHALT NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.
2. THOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.
3. KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY.
4. HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.
5. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
6. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
7. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
8. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.
9. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

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.