

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

The New Hanover County Board of Education (Board) requires each school day to begin with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence not to exceed one (1) minute in duration. Such period of silence shall be totally and completely unstructured and free of guidance or influence of any kind from any source. No staff or student shall be required to participate. During the period of silence and for those not participating in reciting the Pledge, silence shall be maintained and no one may engage in any other activity.

LEGAL REFS: NCGS 115C-47(29a)

Parker v Morgan, 322 F. Supp. 588 (W.D.N.C.)

[West Virginia State Board of Education v Barnette, 319 US 624](#)

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