



A World-Class Community of Learners

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**Fridley Public Schools** is committed to creating a welcoming, respectful environment that provides an equitable and inclusive education for each student, staff and community member by ensuring that opportunities, access, and resources are aligned to support the growth and academic achievement of each student.

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## 531 The Pledge of Allegiance

### I. Purpose

The school board recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the flag. The purpose of this policy is to provide for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

### II. General Statement of Policy

Students in District 14 shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America one or more times each week. The recitation shall be conducted:

- A. By each individual classroom teacher or the teacher's surrogate; or
- B. Over the school intercom system or video monitors by the building administrator or designee.

### III. Exceptions

Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so. Students and school personnel must respect another person's right to make that choice.

### IV. Instruction

Students and Staff will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag and in patriotic exercises.

#### ***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. §121A.11, Subd. 3 (Pledge of Allegiance)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 4 (Instruction)

#### ***School Board Action:***

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