

Patriotic Exercises

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance shall be conducted in classrooms in such a manner that each student can participate, if the student elects to participate. If the student elects to not participate or modify one's participation, the student may stand quietly or select an alternative more fitting of the student's needs.

In accordance with federal law, the School District shall offer an education program(s) each year on Constitution Day to commemorate the September 17, 1787 signing of the United States Constitution. The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative guidelines ensuring that the School District observes Constitution Day properly and in a manner befitting the importance of the event.

Further, during the weeks of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the School District will devote time for exercises of a patriotic nature, including a discussion of the words, meaning, and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

If there are religious or philosophical reasons that prompt a student and/or the student's family to exclude the student from participating in such exercises, the student and/or the student's family should contact the Principal to discuss alternatives during such exercises.

Legal References:

RSA 189:18, Patriotic Exercises

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