

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: OPERATIONS
TITLE: OPENING EXERCISES/
FLAG DISPLAYS
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807. OPENING EXERCISES/FLAG DISPLAYS

1. Purpose
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The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) adopts this policy to ensure that all district schools comply with state and federal laws concerning flag displays and opening exercises while respecting the rights of individuals.

A United States flag shall be displayed in classrooms and on or near each school building during school hours, inclement weather and at other times determined by the JOC.

A. W. Beattie Career Center shall provide opening exercises that include a salute to the flag or recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem.

While students may decline to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem, students who choose to refrain from such participation shall respect the rights and interests of classmates who do participate.

Opening exercises may include a moment of silence or the reading of patriotic or cultural themes. Silent prayer or meditation shall not be conducted as a religious service or exercise.

References:

24 P.S. 771
22 PA Code 12.10
24 P.S. 1516.1