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Purpose

The Board adopts this policy to ensure that all District schools comply with state and federal laws concerning flag displays and opening exercises **and the moment of silence on the anniversary of September 11**, while respecting the rights of individuals.

Authority

A United States flag shall be displayed on or near each school building during school hours, in clement weather and at other times determined by the Board.[\[1\]](#)

A United States flag shall be displayed in every classroom.[\[1\]](#)

District schools shall provide opening exercises that include a salute to the flag and/or recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem.[\[1\]](#)

~~Each student shall be required to salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem during opening exercises. A student may refuse to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or salute the flag based on religious conviction or personal belief.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)~~

~~Students may decline to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem and to salute the flag on the basis of personal belief or religious conviction. Students who choose to refrain from such participation shall respect the rights and interests of classmates who do participate.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)~~

~~A student who declines to participate in opening exercises shall maintain a respectful attitude throughout the exercises.~~

~~The Board directs the district to annually provide, during instructional hours, a moment of silence for students and staff to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001.[\[4\]](#)~~

Delegation of Responsibility

~~The building principal shall provide written notice to the parents/guardians of a student who refuses to salute the flag or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.[\[1\]](#)~~

Legal [1. 24 P.S. 771](#)
[2. 22 PA Code 12.10](#)