

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: OPENING EXERCISES/
MOMENT OF SILENCE/
FLAG DISPLAYS

ADOPTED: June 23, 2004

REVISED: October 15, 2024

<p>Purpose</p> <p>Authority</p>	<p>The Board adopts this policy to ensure that all district schools comply with state and federal laws concerning flag displays, opening exercises and the moment of silence on the anniversary of September 11, while respecting the rights of individuals.</p> <p>A United States flag shall be displayed in classrooms and on or near each school building during school hours, in clement weather and at other times determined by the Board.[1]</p> <p>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]</p> <p>Each student will be given the opportunity 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.</p> <p>A student who declines to participate in opening exercises shall maintain a respectful attitude throughout the exercises.[1][2]</p> <p>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.[3]</p> <p>Legal References:</p> <p><u>1. 24 P.S. 771</u> <u>2. 22 PA Code 12.10</u> <u>3. 24 P.S. 1555</u></p>
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