

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

The Board authorizes the voluntary recitation of the pledge of allegiance by a teacher or one or more students at the beginning of each school day. The building principal and/or classroom teacher may provide a daily program for the voluntary pledge of allegiance. Students may also receive instruction concerning the words and music of the national anthem, so they are able to recite or sing the words and recognize the music.

The Board recognizes that the beliefs of some students and teachers prohibit their participation in these patriotic exercises. No person shall be required or intimidated by other students or staff to participate in these exercises. All persons, however, are expected to show respect to the flag and to the participation of others in the exercise.

Schools may hold ceremonies and/or integrate information into the curriculum related to historically significant and/or patriotic holidays such as, but not limited to, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Flag Day, and Columbus Day.

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