

GBEP: Patriotic Exercises

The Board believes that the children of the Divide County School District #1 should learn the principles of liberty and democracy expressed in the United States Constitution, the North Dakota Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. The Board further believes that the salute to the flag and the daily pledge of allegiance help students learn these principles. Therefore, the principal of each school is directed to provide a daily program for the salute to the flag and pledge of allegiance.

The Board recognizes that the beliefs of some students and teachers prohibit their participation in these patriotic exercises. No person shall be required to salute, stand, or otherwise participate in this exercise if it is against his/her beliefs. All persons, however, are expected to show respect to the flag and to the participation of others in the exercise.

Principals are responsible for the proper display of the flag and for its proper storage when not being flown. They are also responsible for the proper instruction of all students in flag etiquette.

Students shall 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 by the time they complete fourth grade.

Further, when school is held on any legal holiday appropriate patriotic exercises may be conducted in each building. The principal may conduct these exercises with the staff of the school or a guest may be brought in to commemorate the significance of the day.

Legal Ref:	NDCC 1-03-01:	Holidays
	NDCC 15.1-06-02:	School holidays
	NDCC 15.1-21-01:	Education of students - Requirements