

Patriotic Exercises

Pledge of Allegiance

All students within the District must be given the opportunity to voluntarily recite pledge of allegiance at the beginning of each school day. Administration and/or the classroom teacher shall provide a daily program that allows for the voluntary recitation of the 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.

Bismarck Public Schools 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 regarding participation or non-participation in these exercises. No individual shall be required to recite the pledge of allegiance, stand during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance, or salute the American flag. All persons, however, are expected to show respect to others who choose to participate in the exercise.

Ceremonies and Curriculum

Schools may hold ceremonies and/or integrate information into the curriculum related to historically significant and/or patriotic holidays such as Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Flag Day, and Columbus Day.

Voting

Students who are qualified electors are allowed to leave campus to vote in a general, special, or primary election.

End of Bismarck Public School District Policy GACB

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