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531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PURPOSE

The School Board recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag in every classroom and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the flag. The purpose of this policy is to provide for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Students in this school district shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America at the start of each day in all classrooms or homerooms. The recitation shall be conducted:

- A. Over each school's intercom system the 1st day of each week by a person designated by the school principal or other person having administrative control over the school; and
- B. by each individual classroom every day after the 1st day of the week: led by the teacher, the teacher's surrogate, or the classroom/homeroom student leader.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Anyone, (to include all students or staff) who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect to do so. Students and school personnel must respect another person's right to make that choice.

IV. INSTRUCTION

Students will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag and in patriotic exercises.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 3 (Pledge of Allegiance)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 4 (Instruction)

Cross References: