

The Pledge of Allegiance

[Note: A local school board or a charter school board of directors, by a majority vote taken annually, may waive the requirement to recite the pledge of allegiance. For those districts that do not waive the requirement, recitations required by statute. A statement in the student handbook or a policy addressing the issues in part III., below, is also required by statute beginning with the 2004-2005 school year.]

I. PURPOSE

The school board recognized the need to provide instruction in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the United States 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 one or more times each week. The recitation shall be conducted:

- A. by each individual classroom teacher or the teacher's surrogate; or
- B. over a school intercom system by a person designated by the school principal or other person having administrative control over the school.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Any student or teacher may decline to participate in recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Students must respect the choice to not recite the pledge.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS

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)

Cross References: