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The school district may host school ceremonies and observances which have become a tradition and a custom of the education program. These include, but are not limited to, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observance of national and cultural holidays by programs and performances. Such ceremonies or observances shall have a secular purpose and shall not advocate or sponsor a particular religion or religion in general.

District classrooms in grades one through twelve shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance and display the United States Flag during the recitation. No student shall be compelled against the students objections or those of the student's parent or guardian to recite the pledge.

Students who do not wish to participate in these activities may be silent during the ceremony or observance. Or students may receive permission from the principal to be excused from the activity for personal or religious reasons without penalty.

The Board endorses the following manner of delivery when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Pledge of Allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

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