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POLICY 531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PURPOSE

To provide the recitation of the pledge of allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The School Board recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the flag. Students in this 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 designee; or
- B. Over a school communications system by a person designated by the school principal or other person having administrative control over the school.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the pledge of allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so. Students and staff 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.