

## **OBSERVANCES, SCHOOL CEREMONIES, AND DISPLAY OF FLAGS**

The Board of Education believes one's appreciation of country is promoted by the ceremonies and observances held in the schools and that the United States flag is a symbol of our democratic heritage, ideals and freedom. The Board believes saluting the flag and reciting daily the Pledge of Allegiance helps students learn and reinforce these principles.

Commemoration of special days, historical moments, and educational historical moments shall be arranged to the end that the effective observation of these occasions is a definite and valuable part of the school program.

The flag of the United States of America shall be publicly displayed at all schools on days that school is in session, weather permitting. The flag should be flown from the time students are permitted at the school and shall be taken down prior to dusk.

The flags of the United States of America and of Colorado shall be flown at the front of the administration building each business day. They shall be displayed during established office hours.

The Superintendent or building principal shall see that the United States flag is prominently and permanently displayed in each academic classroom and auditoriums when schools are in session.

District employees and students have the right to appropriately display the flag of the United States on their own person and personal property that is under their temporary control, including but not limited to a desk top or a locker. Such displays will be in accordance with school rules.

Traditional customs and practices of displaying the flags of the United States and of Colorado shall be observed. Flags shall be handled with respect at all times.

Each school shall provide an opportunity each school day for students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Any person not wishing to participate in the recitation of the Pledge for any reason shall be exempt and need not participate.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S 22-10106  
C.R.S. 22-1-107 (duty of teachers to instruct students in the proper respect of the flag)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(s) (*flag displays at administration buildings*)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(ii) (*duty to adopt policy regarding reasonable display of U.S. flag by students and school district employees*)  
Title 4 USC Section 1 (Display and Use of the United States Flag)

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