

INSTRUCTION

Patriotic Exercises

It shall be the responsibility of the principal of each school or the person in charge of each office or other installation of the Board of Education, to cause to have displayed, in accordance with proper procedures, a flag of the United States of America on the outside of the building and in each regular classroom.

It shall also be the responsibility of the principal to provide for appropriate patriotic exercises including the beginning of each school day with a pledge of allegiance to the flag in accordance with *Section 7-105 of the Education Article of the Public General Laws ANNOTATED CODE of Maryland.*

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Superintendent of Schools

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6116, IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO:

- A. PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG;
- B. PREPARE A PROGRAM FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM FOR THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY THAT PROVIDES FOR THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND OTHER PATRIOTIC EXERCISES THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT;
- C. REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN CHARGE TO STAND AND FACE THE FLAG AND WHILE STANDING GIVE AN APPROVED SALUTE AND RECITE IN UNISON THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AS FOLLOWS: “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”;
- D. ENSURE ANY STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER WHO WISHES TO BE EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS RULE SHALL BE EXCUSED.

LEGAL REFERENCE: *MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE*, EDUCATION ARTICLE § 7-105

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5600
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6115

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