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The Board adopts this policy to ensure that procedures are maintained to uphold individual rights and state and federal laws concerning opening exercises and flag salutes.[1]

Each student shall be required to salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance during opening exercises. If a student or staff member has conscientious objections that interfere with full participation in the flag salute or Pledge of Allegiance, the person shall maintain a respectful attitude throughout the ceremony.[2]

When a student refuses to salute the flag, the parent/guardian shall be required to submit to the school administration a written statement of the student's conscientious objection.

Opening exercises also may include a moment of silent meditation.[3]

A United States flag and a Pennsylvania flag shall be displayed on or near each school building during school hours except in unsuitable weather and as the Board deems proper. Students shall receive instruction in respect for the flag.

Legal

- [1. 24 P.S. 771](#)
- [2. 22 PA Code 12.10](#)
- [3. 24 P.S. 1516.1](#)

