## Display of Flags, Pledge of Allegiance and Memorial Day

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## I. General Policy Statement

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. Furthermore, the Board believes saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily helps students learn and reinforce these principles as well as principles of character and citizenship.

## II. Regulations

- A. The flags of the United States and North Carolina shall be displayed in each classroom when available.
- B. The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance shall be scheduled on a daily basis.
- C. The school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- E. All schools shall provide educational opportunities that enable students to gain a better understanding of the meaning and importance of Memorial Day.

Legal References: G.S. 115C – 47 (29a); - 238.29F: 115C-12: G.S. 116-69.1; G.S. 116-235