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## 8810 - **THE AMERICAN FLAG, THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE OFFICIAL MOTTO OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

### **Salute to the American Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag shall be rendered daily according to the provisions of F.S. 1003.44.

### **Display of the American Flag and the Flag of the State of Florida**

#### **A. Out-of-Doors (American Flag and the Flag of the State of Florida)**

The ~~flag of the United States~~ flags shall be displayed daily upon the grounds of each school on a suitable flag staff when the weather permits, **except when the school or District is closed for vacation**. The American Flag shall be raised above each school and/or at other appropriate places during all school sessions, weather permitting. The American flag shall be raised before the opening of school and taken down at its close every day.

#### **B. In the Classroom (American Flag)**

Each classroom shall display the flag of the United States on an appropriate staff. The flag must be made in the United States, must be at least 2 feet by 3 feet, and must be properly displayed in accordance with Title 4 U.S.C. Flags shall be procured in accordance with F.S. 1000.06(2).

### **Flying the Flag at Half-Staff**

Etiquette regarding the U.S. Flag says, "The flag is to be flown at half-staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon **presidential** or **gubernatorial** order."

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Instructional staff members are authorized to lead students in the Pledge of Allegiance at an appropriate time each school day. However, no student shall be compelled/required to participate in the recitation of the Pledge. Additionally, the Board prohibits the intimidation of any student by other students or staff for the purpose of coercing participation. The Superintendent shall develop procedures which ensure that any staff member who conducts this activity does it at an appropriate time, in an appropriate manner, and with due regard to the need to protect the rights and the privacy of a nonparticipating student. A written notice shall be

published in the student handbook that a student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by the student's parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over the student's heart.

### **Display of the Official Motto of the State of Florida**

The official motto of the State of Florida, "In God We Trust", shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in all schools in the District and in each building used by the School Board.

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