

Patriotic Exercises

The Board and Administration believes that the children of the Fargo Public School should learn the principles of liberty and democracy expressed in the United States Constitution, the North Dakota Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. The Board further believes that the salute to the flag and the daily pledge of allegiance and the words and music of the national anthem can help students learn these principles. Therefore, the principal of each school and/or any teacher is allowed to provide a daily program for the voluntary salute to the flag and pledge of allegiance.

This policy recognizes that the beliefs of some students and teachers prohibit their participation in these patriotic exercises. No person shall be required to salute, stand, or otherwise participate in this exercise if it is against his/her beliefs. All persons, however, are expected to show respect to the flag and to the participation of others in the exercise.

Principals are responsible for the proper display of the flag and for its proper storage when not being flown.

***15.1-19-03.1. (5) Recitation of prayer - Period of silence - Pledge of allegiance.
A school board may authorize the voluntary recitation of the pledge of allegiance by a teacher or one or more students at the beginning of each school day. A student may not be required to recite the pledge of allegiance, stand during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance, or salute the American flag.***

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