

Swan River Montessori Charter School

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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 531 Charter
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531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PURPOSE

The charter school board recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the flag. The purpose of this policy is to provide for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Students in this charter school shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America one or more times each week. The recitation shall be conducted:

- A. By each individual classroom teacher or support staff member, as appropriate for the Montessori curriculum.
- B. Over a school intercom system by a person designated by the school principal or other person having administrative control over the school.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so. Students and school personnel must respect another person's right to make that choice.

IV. INSTRUCTION

Students will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag, and in patriotic exercises.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 3 (Pledge of Allegiance)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 4 (Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 124E.03, Subd. 2(e) (Applicable Law)

Cross References: None

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Student Information

Name: _____
Grade/Class: _____
Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Waiver Request

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the above-named student, respectfully request that my child be excused from participation in the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at school.

I understand that:

- My child will not be required to stand, recite, or otherwise participate in the pledge.
- My child will not be penalized or discriminated against in any way for this choice.
- My child will remain respectful and non-disruptive during the pledge.

This request is made in accordance with my family's personal, religious, or philosophical beliefs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Official Acknowledgement

Received by: _____
Title/Position: _____
Date: _____