

Math and Science Academy

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531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[Note: Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by students and instruction of students as provided in this policy are required by Minnesota Statute. Also, the statement in Part III., below, must be included in a student handbook or a policy guide. A charter school board of directors may waive these statutory requirements by a majority vote taken annually.]

The Math and Science Academy waives the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance by a majority vote of its Board of Directors annually—usually in August. Despite waiving the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, MSA includes this policy among the rest of its policies to demonstrate knowledge of this statutory requirement and the need for the school to have a policy.]

I. PURPOSE

The Math and Science Academy (MSA) Board of Directors (BOD) 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 MSA 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 the teacher's surrogate; or
- B.** Over a school intercom system by a person designated by the MSA Director (Director).

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)