

**RED WING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

**531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**I. PURPOSE**

The 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 school district may recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America as determined by the classroom teacher one or more times each week

**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)

***Cross References:***