OSBA Model Sample Policy

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Adopted:

Flag Displays and Salutes

A United States (U.S.) flag and an Oregon State flag shall be displayed on or near each school building under the control of the Board or used by the district, during school hours, except in unsuitable weather and at any other time the Board deems proper.

A National League of Families’ POW/MIA flag of appropriate size shall be displayed on or near each school building when required by state law[[1]](#footnote-1) and in the same manner as a U.S. and Oregon State flag.

The district shall obtain and display a U.S. flag of an appropriate size for each classroom.

Students shall receive instruction in respect for the national flag and be provided an opportunity to salute the U.S. flag at least once each week during the school year by reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

A flag salute may be implemented at assemblies, before or after school, at lunch, special events, home room class, athletic contests or at other times deemed appropriate by the principal. Individual staff members and students who do not participate in the salute must maintain a respectful silence during the salute.

Upon request from an Oregon Sovereign tribal government, a flag representing the sovereign tribal government must be displayed on, near, or within a school building during school hours. The location of the flag will be determined by the district in consultation with the requesting sovereign tribal government.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 186](http://policy.osba.org/orsredir.asp?ors=ors-186).110

[ORS 332](http://policy.osba.org/orsredir.asp?ors=ors-332).107

[ORS 336](http://policy.osba.org/orsredir.asp?ors=ors-336).067

[ORS 339](http://policy.osba.org/orsredir.asp?ors=ors-339).875

[OAR 581](http://policy.osba.org/orsredir.asp?ors=oar-581)-021-0043

W. Va. St. Bd. of Educ. v. Barnette, 319 U.S. 624 (1943).

1. The National League of Families’ POW/MIA flag must only be displayed on or near buildings that have existing flagpoles or other infrastructure installed to properly display the U.S., Oregon State, and National League of Families’ POW/MIA flags simultaneously. [However, all district buildings on or near where it is customary and suitable to display the U.S. flag that are newly constructed on or after January 1, 2018 shall include sufficient infrastructure to properly display the U.S. flag, Oregon State flag, and National League of Families’ POW/MIA flag simultaneously.] [↑](#footnote-ref-1)