

**RESOLUTION 16-010 First Reading of Amended Board Policy
INDB – Flag Displays and Salutes**

Background: A new Oregon Administrative Rule, 581-021-0043, adopted December 10, 2015 by the State Board, requires an ESD that operates a school building, upon request from an Oregon sovereign tribal government, to display a flag representing the sovereign tribal government. The OAR defines an “Oregon sovereign tribal government” to be one that is “a federally recognized tribal government located in the state of Oregon.”

WHEREAS, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the recommended language changes to Board Policy INDB – Flag Displays and Salutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Board Policy INDB – Flag Displays and Salutes is approved for first reading as written or as further modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there being no further discussion required, Board Policy INDB – Flag Displays and Salutes is approved as proposed and does not require a second reading.

Multnomah Education Service District

Code: **INDB**
Adopted: 9/20/94
Revised/Readopted: 11/16/10; 2/18/14; 3/15/16

Flag Displays and Salute

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

The MESD shall obtain and display a United States 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 United States flag at least once each week by reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

A flag salute may be implemented at assemblies, before or after school, 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 a local Oregon sovereign tribal government, a flag representing the sovereign tribal government must be displayed on, near or within a school building operated by the ESD during school hours. The location of the flag will be determined by the ESD in consultation with the requesting sovereign tribal government.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.067](#)

[ORS 339.875](#)

ORS 581-021-0043

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

MESD Policy Cross Reference(s):

AA - MESD Purpose and Goals
AB - Mission, Vision and Values
AC - Non-Discrimination
BDD - Board Meeting Procedures
EC - Management of Buildings and Grounds
IA/IAA - Instructional Goals
IGACA - Recognition of Religions Beliefs and Customs
IM - Evaluation of Instructional Programs
KG - Community Use of MESD Facilities
KGB - Public Conduct on MESD Property