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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 statute. Also, the statement in Part III., below, must be included in the student handbook or a policy guide. Charter school board of directors may waive these statutory requirements by a majority vote taken annually. If the charter school board of directors waives the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, it may adopt a school policy regarding the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.]

### 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 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 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

Policy 531 Pledge of Allegiance is also found in the Staff Handbook.

Policy 531 Pledge of Allegiance is also found in the Online Student and Family Handbook.

Policy 531 Pledge of Allegiance is also found in the Seat-Based Student and Family Handbook.

Policy 531 is a requirement of Osprey Wilds' and the Minnesota Department of Education's Annual Charter School Assurances with submission by October 31 of each year.

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