

Existing mandated policy, number 6115 adopted 5/20/14, appropriate as written.

Instruction

School Ceremonies and Observances

The Board directs that the administration provide students and staff with appropriate direction and guidance regarding school ceremonies and observances.

United States Flag

The American Flag shall be raised above Beecher Road School during all school sessions, weather permitting. The Flag shall be raised before the opening of school and taken down at its close every day.

The American Flag shall be displayed in each classroom each day school is in session.

The Superintendent has the authority to direct display of the flag at other times. In accordance with CT General Statute 10-230, an executive official of any municipality is authorized to direct the Board to display the flag at half-mast when flags are half-mast on other municipal buildings.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board further directs that an opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance shall be provided each school day, preferably during the time of morning opening exercises.

In accordance with Connecticut Statute the intent of this policy shall not be construed to require any person to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance". If because of family belief or personal philosophy a parent(s) or guardian has made the decision not to salute the flag or participate in similar such activities of this nature, a student will be permitted to remain silent. Students may wish to use this period of time to reflect on personal belief or to remember loved ones.

In any event, we must all be courteous and respectful of the beliefs of others.

Silent Meditation

The Board directs that the administration shall provide for students and teachers the opportunity to observe an appropriate period of time for silent meditation at the beginning of each school day.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-16a Silent meditation
10-29a Certain days to be proclaimed by governor. Distribution and number of proclamations
10-230 Flags for schoolrooms and schools
PA 02-119, An act concerning bullying behavior in schools and concerning the pledge of allegiance

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