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Pledge, Flag & Symbolism Policy

(1) Promontory School shall provide instruction in the Pledge of Allegiance, the history of the flag, flag etiquette, customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag, and other patriotic exercises as provided by 4 U.S.C. Secs. 1 to 10 and in accordance with Utah code 53G-10-304.

(2) Promontory School shall display the United States Flag, as provided, in all learning and meeting areas ie. classrooms, library, board room, ect.

(3) Promontory School shall provide the setting and opportunities to teach patriotic values associated with the flag of the United States by example; and make information about the flag, respect for the flag, and civility toward all during patriotic activities available on the Promontory School website.(R277-475-4)

(4) (a) The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited once at the beginning of each day, led by a student in the classroom, as assigned by the classroom teacher on a rotating basis.

(b) Each student shall be informed by posting a notice in a conspicuous place that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge.

(c) A student shall be excused from reciting the pledge upon written request from the student's parent.

(d) (i) At least once a year students shall be instructed that:

(A) participation in the pledge of allegiance is voluntary and not compulsory; and

(B) not only is it acceptable for someone to choose not to participate in the pledge of allegiance for religious or other reasons, but students and staff members should show respect for any individual who chooses not to participate. Likewise, any other student or staff member who chooses not to participate is expected to act respectfully as well. Respect is one of our school values and continually taught at Promontory. Disrespect during the pledge of allegiance, by any student, is not acceptable and will be addressed by the classroom teacher.

(ii) A public school teacher shall strive to maintain an atmosphere among students in the classroom that is consistent with the principles described in Subsection (4)(d)(i).

(5) (1) Promontory School shall adequately notify students and parents of lawful exemptions to the requirement to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) Promontory School may require an annual written request from a student's parent if a student or the student's parent requests that the student be excused from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. R277-475-5

(6) Promontory School will annually recognize veterans and others who have served our country with a celebratory presentation utilizing symbolism of America.

(7) Abuse of a flag. Utah Code 76-9-601

(1) A person is guilty of abuse of a flag if they:

- (a) Intentionally place any unauthorized inscription or other thing upon any flag or the United States; or
 - (b) Knowingly exhibit any such flag, knowing the inscription or other thing to be unauthorized; or
 - (c) For purposes of advertising a product or service for sale or distribution, affix a representation of the flag of the United States or of a state of the United States to the product or on any display whereon the product or service is advertised; or
 - (d) Knowingly cast contempt upon the flag of the United States or of any state of the United States by publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning, or trampling upon it.
- (2) Abuse of a flag is a class B misdemeanor.