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## RECOGNITION OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE

The United States flag shall be flown during school hours each day and on election days when the school may be closed to pupils. The flag shall be handled with proper respect at all times.

The administration shall determine the time and places of the observance of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Although the flag is a part of our national heritage, no student or staff member should ever be coerced into participation in the pledge to the flag if contrary to personal values, religious, or philosophical beliefs. Equally as much a part of our national heritage is the concept that an individual has the right to pay traditional courtesies to the flag. The exercise of choice shall be mutually respected.

The significance of the flag other patriotic exercises and documents of national or historic importance shall be used as teaching tools so that the students of each generation might better understand how our form of democracy has Developed.

**Legal Reference:**

- Section 111 of Division J of Public Law 108-447 (2004)
- RSA 194:15-C NH School Patriot Act
- RSA 189:18