



**NORTH ALLEGHENY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>OPERATIONS</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>OPENING EXERCISES/FLAG DISPLAYS</b>
<b>ADOPTED:</b>	<b>11/16/16</b>
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**807 - OPENING EXERCISES/FLAG DISPLAYS**

**Section 1. Purpose**

The Board adopts this policy to ensure that all District schools comply with state and federal laws concerning flag displays and opening exercises while respecting the rights of individuals.

**Section 2. Authority**

SC 771

a. A United States flag shall be displayed in classrooms and on or near each school building during school hours, in clement weather and, at other times determined by the Board.

SC 771

b. District schools shall provide opening exercises that include a salute to the flag and/or recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem.

SC 771  
Title 22  
Sec. 12.10

c. Students may decline to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem and to salute the flag on the basis of personal belief or religious conviction. Students who choose to refrain from such participation shall either stand or sit, and remain silent, respecting the rights and interests of classmates who do participate.

**References:**

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 771, 1516.1  
State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.10  
Board Policy 000

**Replaces:**

3540