

**Green Isle Community School Policy 531  
Independent Charter School District #4144**

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**531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. PURPOSE**

Green Isle Community School recognizes the need to provide instruction in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the United States flag. This policy provides for recitation of the pledge of allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Students of Green Isle Community School 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. At a school assembly by a person designated by director 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.

**V. POLICY REVIEW**

A local school board or a charter school board of directors, by a majority vote taken annually, may waive the requirement to recite the pledge of allegiance. For those districts that do not waive the requirement, recitation is required by statute.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 3 (Pledge of Allegiance)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 4 (Instruction)

**Cross References:**