



<b>Policy Title &amp; Number</b>	531 - The Pledge of Allegiance
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### A. Purpose

The School Board recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the flag. The purpose of this Policy is to provide the recitation of the pledge of allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

### B. Definitions

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### C. Policy Statement

#### POLICY STATEMENT

TrekNorth recognizes that state law requires that all public school students recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America one or more times each week. State law also permits a charter school board of directors to annually, by majority vote, waive this requirement.

- A. In the event TrekNorth School's board of directors does not waive the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, any student or teacher may decline to participate in recitation of the pledge. The TrekNorth student handbook must include a statement that anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so and that students must respect another person's right to make that choice.

- B. If the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance is not waived by a majority vote of the board of directors, TrekNorth must instruct students in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag in patriotic exercises.
- C. In the event the board of directors does waive the statutory requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the board may, at its discretion, adopt a different policy regarding the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

*This policy may be revised at any time without notice. All revisions supersede prior policy and are effective immediately upon approval by the Director.*

**D. Associated Procedures or Other Information**

**E. Associated Forms**

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §121A.11 (Pledge of Allegiance) Minn. Stat. §124D.10 subd. 8(m) (Charter School)