

## **531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The Minnesota North Star Academy (hereinafter “North Star”) 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 for recitation of the pledge of allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Students in this school shall not be prohibited from reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### **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.

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

**Cross References:**