

**WINSLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
25 MESSALONSKEE AVENUE
WATERVILLE, ME 04901**

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Maine law requires display of and instruction about the American flag in the classrooms of our schools.

In order to foster appreciation and respect for the flag as a symbol of our nation, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited each morning and at assemblies and other appropriate occasions in every school. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent, through each building principal, to ensure that this policy is implemented. The building principal may determine how the Pledge will be initiated, such as by individual teachers or by intercom.

Individual students may decline to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Students who do not participate must remain quiet and refrain from disruptive or distracting behavior while the Pledge is being recited.

Teachers may not be compelled to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, but they are not excused from the duties to initiate and supervise student recitation of the Pledge as assigned by the principal nor from implementation of curriculum that promotes honor and respect for the flag and our country.

ADOPTED: May 21, 2003
LEGAL REFERENCE: 20-A MRSA §§ 1055, 4805
CROSS REFERENCE: IMDB – Flag Displays
SOURCE: Board Policy