

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: OPENING EXERCISES/
FLAG DISPLAYS

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807. OPENING EXERCISES/FLAG DISPLAYS	
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.
2. Authority SC 771	A United States flag shall be displayed in classrooms, in all other public or student activity rooms, e.g., gym, Board Room, cafeteria, auditorium, band room, library, and all other public use areas and on or near each school building during school hours, in clement weather and at other times determined by the Board.
SC 771	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	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 respect the rights and interests of classmates who do participate.
	Reference: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 771, 1516.1 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.10