

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance, as established in 4 U.S.C. § 4, shall be recited at the beginning of each school day in each classroom of the Gloucester County Public School division. An American flag will be displayed in every classroom.

During the recitation of the Pledge, students shall stand and recite the Pledge while facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts or in an appropriate salute if in uniform.

No student shall be compelled to recite the Pledge if the student or the student's parent or legal guardian objects on religious, philosophical, or other grounds to the student participating in this exercise. Students who are exempt from reciting the Pledge shall quietly stand or sit at their desks while others recite the Pledge and shall make no display that disrupts or distracts those who are reciting the Pledge.

Appropriate accommodations shall be made for students who are unable to comply with the procedures described herein due to disability.

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December 8, 2015

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** 4 U.S.C. § 4.  
Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-202.

**CROSS REFERENCES:** JFC Student Conduct  
JFC-R Student Code of Conduct Manual