

# DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

## POLICY

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

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The following policies shall be adhered to regarding exercises on the opening of each school day.

The Board of Education believes that one way to promote the love of one's country can be through patriotic ceremonies held in the public schools and recognizes that the flag of the United States is a symbol of America's heritage and democratic ideals. In all classrooms, grades K-12, at the beginning of the first regularly scheduled class or activity period, the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America will be recited. Student and staff members shall not be required to stand and salute the flag.

Immediately following the pledge of the flag, both students and faculty shall be given the opportunity, if they so desire, to observe a moment of silence.