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NORTH METRO FLEX ACADEMY
POLICY No. 6.6
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to recognize the importance of displaying the United States flag and instruct students in the proper etiquette, display and respect of the flag.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. North Metro Flex Academy recognizes that state law requires that all public charter school students recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America one or more times each week. State law also permits a charter school board of directors to annually, by majority vote, waive this requirement.
- B. North Metro Flex Academy's board of directors does not waive the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, however, any individual student or teacher may decline to participate in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The North Metro Flex Academy student handbook must include a statement that anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so and that students must respect another person's right to make that choice.
- C. North Metro Flex Academy staff must instruct students in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag in patriotic exercises.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §121A.11 (Pledge of Allegiance)
Minn. Stat. §124D.10 subd. 8(m) (Charter School)