



## **SECTION III: INSTRUCTION**

## **POLICY 3190**

### SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

The principles of liberty and democracy as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights shall be taught to all children enrolled in Broken Arrow Public Schools. As part of that instructional effort, patriotic exercises and ceremonies, including leading students in the salute and pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, shall be arranged by building principals.

Building principals shall develop programs which will provide instructional activities to teach students the words of the National Anthem and to teach courtesies which should be exhibited during the playing or singing of the National Anthem and during the salute and pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

In all classrooms, at the beginning of a regularly scheduled class or activity period, the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America shall be given, except when the principal will arrange for other appropriate exercises during the school day which will include the pledge of allegiance.

Assembly programs and other appropriate exercises which include attendance by a majority of the students shall include the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Students shall not be required to salute the flag. Students not participating will be expected to observe the courtesy of not disturbing others. The student may

1. Stand and salute the flag;
2. Stand and refrain from saluting the flag; or
3. Remain seated.

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