

POLICY  
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Purpose**

The School recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect for the US flag. The purpose of this policy is to provide for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and for instruction in school to help further that end and to comply with Law.

**Policy**

In accordance with RI. Gen Law 6-22-11 Pledge of Allegiance, the Board of Trustees, through its Director, shall ensure that a period of time is set aside each school day to allow those students who wish to do so the opportunity to recite or sign the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

***"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."***

The Pledge shall be provided in both ASL and English through the morning announcement broadcast monitors at a regularly scheduled time each day that school is in session. If the broadcast monitor system is disabled, teachers shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms.

This policy shall not be construed to require any person to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, should he or she choose not to do so. If an individual does not wish to participate, his/her behavior should be peaceful and respectful for the duration. Students and school personnel must respect each individual's right to make this choice.

**Instruction**

As regulations require, students will be instructed in signing/ saying the pledge, taught its intent and meaning, shown proper etiquette and respect toward and correct display of the US flag, and shall be instructed in standard responses when participating in patriotic exercises.

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**Legal Reference**

RI. Gen Law 6-22-11 Pledge of Allegiance

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