



Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Students in City Schools of Decatur shall be afforded the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (O.C.G.A 20-2-1050; 20-2-1051; 20-2-310; 50-3-4)

Students participating in the recitation of the Pledge will be expected to stand, face the flag, and recite the Pledge in unison.

All students shall be encouraged to stand; however, students not participating in the recitation of the Pledge may (a) stand and refrain from reciting the Pledge; or (b) remain seated.

In compliance with Georgia law, at the opening of school every school day in each classroom, the teacher in charge shall conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not more than 60 seconds with the participation of all students. This moment of quiet reflection is not intended to be a religious service or exercise but shall be considered as an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.

Teachers and administrators shall not suggest or imply that students should or should not use the moment of reflection for prayer, nor shall they deny to any student the right to use it for a moment of silent prayer. Students and/or staff may not under any circumstances use the moment of quiet reflection to audibly pray, singly or in unison.

Questions about this regulation should be directed to the Executive Director of Schools.

Related Board Policy: NA

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