

WASHINGTON-SARATOGA-WARREN-HAMILTON-ESSEX
BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPLAY, USE AND PROPER RESPECT FOR THE FLAG

GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. Every classroom will have a flag of the United States on display.
2. Each morning and before assemblies The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, "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," will be rendered by having those present stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.
3. Students have the right to abstain from reciting the pledge and teachers have the right to stand silently during the recitation of the pledge.
4. Those refusing to salute the flag may **not** be required to either stand or leave the room.
5. During rendition of the national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, when the flag is displayed, all those present will stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. If the flag is not displayed, all those present will face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.
6. Classroom teachers will provide specific instruction regarding respect for the flag of the United States of America, its display and use as provided by federal statute and regulation. This instruction will include, at a minimum, the provisions of sections one hundred seventy through one hundred seventy-seven of title thirty-six of the United States Code (see attached).