

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD
SCHOOL PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES, OBSERVANCES AND EXERCISES

The School Board believes that special recognition should be given to national holidays. District staff should encourage a discreet observance of these holidays which have become part of the Nation's lineage. These observances may, in some instances, be in the form of a school assembly while in other instances they are a part of classroom work.

The Board directs that District staff convey the meaning and significance of national holidays to students. Patriotic ceremonies must be focused on all honorees being recognized on a given holiday (ex. honoring all veterans on Veterans Day). Proper flag etiquette is to be followed in all activities involving the United States flag.

Patriotic ceremonies may be conducted in a variety of formats. The National Anthem and/or Pledge of Allegiance may be presented/performed/recited at the start of such ceremonies. A moment of silence may be provided during patriotic ceremonies to provide participants with an opportunity for remembrance, reflection or meditation upon a philosophical or patriotic theme.

The Board recognizes that beliefs of some persons prohibit participation in the Pledge of Allegiance, the salute to the United States flag, or other exercises. Therefore, such persons are excused from participation. The Board prohibits any intimidation of students, staff members or other participants opting out.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.02 Wisconsin Statutes
 Sections 118.025

CROSS REF.: 322 School Day

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