

**COLOGNE ACADEMY
MANUAL OF SCHOOL POLICIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

POLICY 531: THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and instruction in school. Minnesota statute requires recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance unless the local School Board waives the requirement. The Cologne Academy School Board recognizes the need to provide instruction in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the United States flag.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Students in this school shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America one or more times each week. The recitation shall be conducted:

- A. By each individual classroom teacher or the teacher's surrogate; or
- B. By a person designated by the Director or other person having administrative responsibility of the school.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so. Students and school personnel must respect another person's right to make that choice.

IV. INSTRUCTION

Students will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag, and in patriotic exercises.