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**BLUFFVIEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL
POLICY 531
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I. PURPOSE

The school board 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 flag. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at the school.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

As a Montessori charter school, Bluffview believes in an individualized approach to instruction and thus waives the statutory requirement for regular recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward and respect for the flag.

The flag will be displayed, the text of the Pledge will be made available to students, and individual students will be allowed to recite the Pledge during the day if they choose to do so. Teachers and school staff will provide support and guidance to individual students as necessary and as appropriate.

Students and school staff will respect others' right to recite or not to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, according to their individual choice.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 3 (Pledge of Allegiance)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.11, Subd. 4 (Instruction)

Cross References: