



**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**

Title	FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NORTH CAROLINA
Authority	Board of Trustees
History	Effective September 15, 2006
Legal Reference	GS 116-235(i)
Additional References	GS 115C-47(29a)
Responsible Offices	Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs, General Counsel
Classification	4400

1. DISPLAY OF FLAGS

The flags of the United States and North Carolina shall be displayed in each classroom when flags are donated or otherwise available.

2. RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance shall be scheduled every school day. No person shall be compelled to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance or otherwise be coerced to participate. Individuals who may choose to refrain from participation are expected to maintain proper decorum while others participate. Appropriate staff and student leaders shall receive training on setting consistent and lawful expectations regarding participation.

3. EDUCATION PROGRAM

The School shall provide curriculum instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. Such instruction may be provided in the class room or other appropriate small group settings which promote impartial and respectful discussion of a balanced range of perspectives. The curriculum may encourage teachers to use the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as an opportunity to teach students about the history concerning coercion and the importance of the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights.