



NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Title	GUIDELINES ON FLAGS AND RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE
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PURPOSE:

To provide Chancellor's guidance on implementing Board of Trustees Policy 4400 concerning flags and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUIDANCE:

1. Display of Flags. Flags of the United States and North Carolina shall be displayed in all classrooms, the Frederick Educational Technology Complex auditorium, the Bryan cafeteria, and the Eilber Physical Educational Center gymnasium. Outdoor flags are displayed in the Watts Circle and the Frederick Educational Technology Center amphitheater.
2. Assemblies. The recitation of the Pledge will be led at all school-wide assemblies, junior/senior class assemblies, and athletic events. Sponsors of other large-group events on campus are encouraged to lead the recitation of the pledge.
3. Daily Schedule. The recitation of the pledge of allegiance is generally scheduled on school days to ensure maximum student participation in a respectful setting. The typical schedule is as follows:

7:45 a.m. daily	Raising of the flags
8:00 a.m. daily	First Class Period
5:45 p.m. daily	Lowering of the flags
4. Variations in the Schedule. The Office of Academic Programs may announce changes to the schedule to accommodate daylight savings time, special academic days, or other reasonable variations. Such announcements are posted to the NCSSM At-A-Glance page.
5. Proper decorum. 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.

MODIFICATION:

This guidance may be amended by the Chancellor.