

MITCH Charter School

Code: INDB
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Flag Displays and Salutes

A United States (U.S.) flag and an Oregon State flag¹ of an appropriate size shall be displayed on or near each school building under the control of the Board or used by the public charter school, during school hours, except in unsuitable weather and at any other time the Board deems proper.

A National League of Families' POW/MIA flag of appropriate size shall be displayed on or near each school building when required by state law² and in the same manner as a U.S. and Oregon State flag.

The public charter school shall obtain U.S. flag of an appropriate size for each classroom to display.

Students shall receive instruction in respect for the national flag, and be provided an opportunity to salute the U.S. flag at least once each week during the school year by reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

A flag salute may be implemented at assemblies, before or after school, at lunch, special events, home room class, athletic contests or at other times deemed appropriate by the executive director. Individual staff members and students who do not participate in the salute must maintain a respectful silence during the salute.

Upon request from an Oregon Sovereign tribal government, a flag representing the sovereign tribal government must be displayed on, near, or within a school building during school hours. The location of the flag will be determined by the public charter school in consultation with the requesting sovereign tribal government.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

¹ “A public charter school governing body is required to procure and display a flag upon or near a public charter school building if: 1) the public charter school is located in a public building; or 2) the public charter school is located in a private building and proper equipment is readily available for the purpose of displaying the flag.” (ORS 339.875)

² The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag must only be displayed on or near public buildings that have existing flagpoles or other infrastructure installed to properly display the U.S., Oregon State, and National League of Families' POW/MIA flags simultaneously.

[ORS 186](#).110
[ORS 336](#).067

[ORS 338](#).115
[ORS 339](#).875

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W. Va. St. Bd. of Educ. v. Barnette, 319 U.S. 624 (1943).