

## Instruction

**SUBJECT: OPENING EXERCISES**

The Board directs the administration to include the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag as part of the opening exercises in all the schools. Under certain circumstances, such as religious conviction, students may be excused from this requirement as a protection of their Constitutional rights.

The District, consistent with the First Amendment, accords student religious activities the same rights as other non-disruptive activities and behavior and shall not structure or administer any rules so as to discriminate against religious activity or speech. School officials may neither discourage nor encourage participation in any religious event.

Education Law Section 802  
8 NYCRR Section 108.5

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