

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: OPENING EXERCISES

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807. OPENING EXERCISES	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>This Board adopts this policy to ensure that all district schools comply with state and federal laws concerning flag displays and opening exercises while respecting the rights of individuals.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p> <p>SC 771</p> <p>SC 771</p> <p>SC 771 Title 22 Sec. 12.10</p> <p>SC 1516.1</p>	<p>A United States flag shall be displayed on or near each school building during school hours, in clement weather and at other times determined by the Board.</p> <p>A United States flag shall be displayed in every classroom.</p> <p>Each student shall be required to salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem during opening exercises. A student may refuse to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or salute the flag based on religious conviction or personal belief.</p> <p>Opening exercises also may include a moment of silent meditation.</p> <p>A student who declines to participate in opening exercises shall maintain a respectful attitude throughout the exercises.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 771</p> <p>School Code 771</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.10</p>	<p>The building principal shall provide written notice to the parents/guardian of a student who refuses to salute the flag or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>