Policy
School Ceremonies and Observances

## **Descriptor Code: IKD**

# **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Gilmer County Board of Education feels that patriotism is a trait that must be developed and nurtured in the life of an individual. It is further felt that the public schools of Georgia share in the responsibility of enhancing this trait in the young people of this state. Students in the Gilmer County Charter School System shall be afforded the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during each school day. The Board of Education delegates to each principal the authority to designate the time and manner in which this ceremony shall be conducted in their school.

Students participating in the recitation of the pledge will be expected to stand, face the flag, and recite the pledge in unison. Students not participating in the recitation of the pledge may stand and refrain from reciting the pledge or remain seated.

## -Moment of Silence

In compliance with Georgia law, at the opening of school on every school day in each public school classroom, the teacher the Principal or his/her designee in charge shall conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not more than 60 seconds. with the participation of all the students. This moment of quiet reflection is not intended to be a religious service or exercise but shall be considered as an opportunity for a moment of silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.

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State Reference	Description
O.C.G.A 20-02-0310	Student directory information; voter and selective service registration; pledge of allegiance
O.C.G.A 20-02-1050	Moment of silence authorized
O.C.G.A 20-02-1051	Brief Period of Quiet Reflection; Participation not to be regulated or required
O.C.G.A 50-03-0004.1	<u>Displaying copies of national motto and</u> <u>American and Georgia flags</u>

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Policy Infectious Diseases

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An "infectious disease" means an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products, which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal.

The Superintendent or designee will develop and implement procedures related to the impact of infectious diseases on school system management and operations. Such procedures will be consistent with the requirements of the Georgia Board of Education rule 160-1-3-.03 and will require the following actions:

- 1. The annual provision to employees students of information, education or training related to transmission of infectious diseases, risk reduction and standard precautions, based on guidelines or recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including the use of personal protective equipment as appropriate to tasks with potential exposure.
- 2. The immediate notification of the person, or if the person is a minor, to the parent or guardian, of the need to obtain an appropriate medical evaluation where there exists reasonable suspicion that an employee or student has an infectious disease.
- 3. The involvement of the school nurse, public health agency representatives, health care professionals, and school system administrators in operational decisions concerning an employee or student who has an infectious disease.
- 4. The disclosure of health-related information only as permitted by state or federal law.

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#### **State Reference**

O.C.G.A 20-02-0778

O.C.G.A 24-09-0047

O.C.G.A 31-12A-0004

O.C.G.A 31-22-0009.1

Rule 160-1-3-.03

### **Federal Reference**

29 USC 794

## **Description**

Required information to parents of students regarding meningococcal meningitis

Disclosure of AIDS confidential information

Ouarantine of diseased persons

HIV tests - Who may perform test

Infectious Diseases

### Description

Nondiscrimination under Federal grants and programs

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