


<p style="text-align: center;">Tucson Unified School District</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOVERNING BOARD POLICY</b></p>	POLICY TITLE: School Observances (Patriotic)
	POLICY CODE: IMD
	LEAD DEPARTMENT: Academic Excellence

The following shall be adhered to regarding opening exercises and school programs as they pertain to customs and holidays:

- Each student **SHALL** be provided with an opportunity to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance or other patriotic observance each day. (A.R.S. 15-506)
- Each student in grades four (4) through six (6) **SHALL** recite the following passage from the Declaration of Independence at the commencement of the first class of the day in schools, except that a pupil shall not be required to participate if the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian objects: (A.R.S. 15-203)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Students whose parents have informed the school that they are not to take part in the meditation period or patriotic observances **WILL** be expected to observe the courtesy of not disturbing others.

Adopted: July 12, 2005

Revision:

Review:

**LEGAL REF.:** A.R.S. [15-203](#) Powers and Duties  
[15-342](#) Discretionary Powers  
[15-506](#) Flag display; recitation of the pledge of allegiance

**CROSS REF.:**

Replaces TUSD Policy # 6020 Ceremonies and Observations