

**TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY**  
**School Ceremonies and Observances**

**Descriptive Code: IKD**  
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**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag**

At the beginning of each school day during homeroom or advisory, students in the Terrell County School System shall be given the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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 (a) stand and refrain from reciting the Pledge; (b) remain seated; or (c) stand outside the classroom door.

**Moment of Silence**

In compliance with Georgia law, at the opening of school on every school day in each school classroom, the teacher in charge shall conduct a brief period of silence for not more than 60 seconds with the participation of all the pupils. This moment of silence is not intended to be a religious service or exercise but shall be considered as an opportunity to anticipate activities of the day.

Teachers and administrators shall not suggest or imply that students should or should not use the moment of silence for prayer, nor shall they deny to any student the right to use it for a moment of quiet prayer. Students and/or staff may not under any circumstances use the moment of silence to audibly pray, singly or in unison.