

Great Plains Christian School

United States Flag Display and Pledge of Allegiance Policy

Purpose

Great Plains Christian School is committed to fostering respect, responsibility, and good citizenship within a Christ-centered educational environment. The daily display of the United States flag and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance are intended to instill patriotism, reinforce positive school culture, and teach students the values of respect, unity, and civic responsibility.

Policy Statement

The United States flag shall be displayed each school day at Great Plains Christian School. Students will participate in respectful flag procedures and the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the school's morning assembly.

Flag Display Procedures

1. The United States flag will be displayed each school day in a designated and appropriate location on campus.
2. A student or designated group of students will be responsible for raising and taking down the flag under staff supervision.
3. Students assigned to flag duties will be instructed in proper flag etiquette, including:
 - o Proper handling of the flag at all times
 - o Ensuring the flag does not touch the ground
 - o Demonstrating respect and care during raising and lowering procedures
4. The flag will be stored respectfully when not displayed.

Instruction in Flag Etiquette

1. Students will receive age-appropriate instruction on proper United States flag etiquette.
2. Instruction will include how to correctly fold the flag and the meaning behind respectful handling.
3. Teachers will reinforce these expectations as part of character education and school culture.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. The Pledge of Allegiance will be recited each school day during morning assembly.
2. Students will be instructed to stand respectfully and place their right hand over their heart while reciting the pledge.

3. Participation will be conducted in an orderly and respectful manner consistent with school expectations.

Instructional Integration

1. Students will learn key vocabulary and phrases from the Pledge of Allegiance as part of classroom instruction.
2. Students will write the Pledge of Allegiance in class, with instruction adapted to grade level.
3. Teachers may integrate lessons on citizenship, patriotism, and responsibility in connection with the pledge.

School Culture and Citizenship

This policy supports the development of good citizenship, respect for national symbols, and positive school culture. These practices align with Great Plains Christian School's mission to educate students academically, spiritually, and socially while encouraging respect for authority, community, and country.

Oversight and Review

School administration is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy. The policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure continued alignment with school values and educational goals.
