



HEARTLAND LAKES COMMUNITY SCHOOL EXISTS TO EMPOWER SCHOLARS TO:  
 BRAVELY LIVE THEIR TRUTH,  
 TO BECOME WISE STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND RESOURCES  
 AND TO IGNITE LASTING CURIOSITY THAT LEADS TO POSITIVE CHANGE IN THEIR SCHOOL, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND THEMSELVES.

## Policy 531 Pledge of Allegiance Policy

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### I. PURPOSE

The Heartland Lakes Community School Board of Directors recognizes the need to display an appropriate United States flag and to provide instruction to students in the proper etiquette, display, and respect of the flag. The purpose of this policy is to provide for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and instruction in school to help further that end.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Students at HLCS have the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America at least once a week

The recitation shall be conducted:

- 1. Will be led by a member of the learning community, each Wednesday.
- B. A school board or a charter school board of directors may annually, by majority vote, waive this requirement.
  - 1. May adopt a district or school policy regarding the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - 2. Any student or teacher may decline to participate in recitation of the pledge.
  - 3. A school district or charter that has a student handbook or school policy guide must include a statement that anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so and that

students must respect another person's right to make that choice.

### **III. Exceptions**

Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so. Students and school personnel must respect another person's right to make that choice.

### **IV. Instruction**

Students will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag, and in patriotic exercises.

*Note: The applicability and enforceability of this policy 531 is limited to, and qualified by, Minnesota or Federal law that, at the time any such circumstance within the scope of the policy arise, may be contrary to some aspect or all of the policy.*