

<p><b>TUCSON UNIFIED</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p><b>GOVERNING BOARD POLICY</b></p>	<p><b>POLICY TITLE:</b></p> <p>School Observances (Patriotic)</p>
	<p><b>POLICY CODE:</b> IMD</p>

**Patriotic Observances**

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

1. Each student shall be provided with an opportunity to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag or other patriotic observance each day. ([A.R.S. 15-506\(5\)](#))
2. 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\(26.\)](#))

"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 patriotic observances will be expected to observe the courtesy of not disturbing others

**Required Displays**

In keeping with Arizona law, Tucson Unified shall:

1. Acquire United States flags that are manufactured in the United States and that are at least two feet by three feet and hardware to appropriately display the United States flags. ([A.R.S. 15-506\(1\)](#)).
2. For grades seven (7) through twelve (12), acquire a legible copy of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights that is manufactured in the United States ([A.R.S. 15-506\(2\)](#)).
3. Display the flags in accordance with Title 4 of the United States Code in each classroom and on or near the outside of the school building during school hours and at such other times as the

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school authorities direct ([A.R.S. 15-506\(3\)](#)).

4. For grades seven (7) through twelve (12), place a legible copy of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights adjacent to each classroom flag ([A.R.S. 15-506\(4\)](#)).

**Optional Displays** A teacher or administrator in any school in this District may read or post in any school copies or excerpts of the materials listed in [A.R.S. 15-717\(A-J\)](#).

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**LEGAL REF:**

- A.R.S.:
- [15-203](#) Powers and Duties
  - [15-342](#) Discretionary Powers
  - [15-506](#) Flag, Constitution and the Bill of Rights Display; recitation of the pledge of allegiance; exemption
  - [15-717](#) American History and Heritage