

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: March 3, 2016
To: All Site Principals
Subject: FLAG EXERCISES
**Department and/or
Persons Concerned:** All Administrators
Due Date None
Reference: **Administrative Procedure 4922**
Action Requested: Review guidelines and implement immediately

Brief Explanation:

The purpose of this communication is to remind you of the requirement to conduct a patriotic exercise each day as called for by Education Code section 52720. Compliance with Education Code 52720 is detailed in Administrative Procedure 4922 with excerpts below for your convenience.

5. Flag Exercises
 - a. In each elementary classroom, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag shall be given daily, followed by singing of an appropriate patriotic song such as *The Star Spangled Banner*, *America*, or *America the Beautiful*. Teachers, staff and students may abstain from participation in the Pledge of Allegiance for personal reasons.
 - b. In each secondary school, appropriate patriotic exercises shall be conducted daily. (Education Code 52720) Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance satisfies this requirement. If the pledge is not given, the manner of complying with the Education Code is the responsibility of the site principal/administrator. Teachers, staff and students may abstain from participation in the Pledge of Allegiance for personal reasons.

Please direct your staff to put these patriotic exercises into the daily school routines if they are not already being done. Your support in educating our students regarding civic duties and responsibilities is greatly appreciated.

APPROVED:



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