

**POLICY IMDB** **Board of Education**  
**Las Cruces Public Schools**

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## **Flag Display & Patriotic Observances**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The Board of Education is committed to respecting the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of New Mexico. The Board also encourages schools to teach about and celebrate patriotism.

### **II. POSITION**

#### **FLAG DISPLAY**

- A. The flags of the United States and New Mexico shall be on display each weekday inside all school buildings and classrooms on days school is in session. U.S. and New Mexico flags shall be on display outdoors, weather permitting.
- B. During periods of national and/or state mourning, the display of the flags shall be in compliance with directions issued from the national or state governments.

#### **PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES**

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited daily in each school [NMAC 6.10.2.8].
- B. No student shall be compelled or required to participate in the recitation of the Pledge. The Board prohibits the intimidation of any student by other students or staff for the purposes of coercing participation; however, such students shall not cause a disturbance or interfere with the participation of others.
- C. Through special ceremonies or through the instructional program, building administrators may arrange for proper commemoration of special days.

### **REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

*History:* Formerly Policy 409

*Legal Reference:* NMAC 6.10.2; NMSA 6.10.2.9; 12.3.7. NMSA 1973

*/s/ Bonnie Votaw, Ed.D.*

*Board of Education, President*

*June 5, 2007*

*Date Approved*