

# PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

## IMDA – PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

*Category: Recommended*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Every school shall establish a period of time during each school day for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone is encouraged, but not required, to rise and participate. People in corridors or areas where there are no flags should show proper respect by remaining still and silent. Pupil participation shall be voluntary. Pupils who do not participate in the recitation may sit or stand as they choose, but shall respect the rights of those pupils electing to participate.

### **Constitution and Citizenship Day**

In accordance with federal law, the District shall offer an education program(s) each year on Constitution Day/Citizenship Day to commemorate the September 17, 1787 signing of the United States Constitution and recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens. The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative guidelines ensuring that the District observes Constitution Day and Citizenship Day properly and in a manner befitting the importance of the event.

### **Memorial Day and Veterans Day**

During the weeks of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the District will devote time for exercises of a patriotic nature, including a discussion of the words, meaning, and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

### **General John Stark Day**

New Hampshire observes General John Stark day on the second Monday in April. Schools in the District shall commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities.

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### **District Policy History:**

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### **Legal References:**

*RSA 4:13-1, General John Stark Day*

*RSA 189:18, Patriotic Exercises*

*RSA 194:15-c, New Hampshire School Patriot Act*

*36 U.S.C. § 106, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day*

*Section 111 of Division J of Public Law 108-447 (2004)*