

**1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.- . . .**The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state. Each student shall be informed by a written notice published in the student handbook or a similar publication pursuant to s. 1006.07(2) that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart. When the pledge is given, unexcused students must show full respect to the flag by standing at attention, men removing the headdress, except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes...

The following language has been incorporated into the Student Codes of Conduct:

Upon written request submitted by his or her parent, a student must be excused from reciting the pledge of allegiance, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart. When the pledge is recited, **unexcused** students must show full respect to the flag by standing at attention, removing any headdress, except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes.