

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance to the flag, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," shall be rendered by students standing with the right hand over the heart. 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.

Upon written request by his or her parent, a 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, as provided by Pub. L. ch. 77-435, s. 7, approved June 22, 1942, 56 Stat. 377, as amended by Pub. L. ch. 77-806, 56 Stat. 1074, approved December 22, 1942.

### **Classroom Transfer Process**

A parent has the right to request that his or her student be transferred to a different classroom teacher; however, this does not give a parent the right to choose a specific classroom teacher. A request for such transfer is to be made in writing to the school principal. Within 2 weeks after receiving the request, the school will approve or deny the request. A denial of such a request shall specify the reason(s). The school principal's decision is final.

A parent whose student is assigned an out-of-field teacher may request that his or her child be transferred to an in-field classroom teacher within the school and grade in which the student is currently enrolled; however, this does not give a parent the right to choose a specific classroom teacher. A request for such transfer is to be made in writing to the school principal. The school district must approve or deny the parent's request and transfer the student to a different classroom teacher within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 2 weeks, if an in-field teacher for that course or grade level is employed by the school and the transfer does not violate maximum class size pursuant to s. 1003.03 and 3677 s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution. If a request for transfer is denied, the school must notify the parent and specify the reason(s).