

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: OPENING EXERCISES/
FLAG DISPLAYS

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807. OPENING EXERCISES/FLAG DISPLAYS	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee adopts this policy to ensure that the school complies with state and federal laws concerning flag displays and opening exercises while respecting the rights of individuals.
2. Authority SC 771	A United States flag shall be displayed in classrooms and on or near the school building during school hours, in clement weather and at other times determined by the Joint Operating Committee.
Title 22 Sec. 12.10	The school shall provide opening exercises that include a salute to the flag and/or recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem.
SC 771 Title 22 Sec. 12.10	Students may decline to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem and to salute the flag on the basis of personal belief or religious conviction. Students who choose to refrain from such participation shall respect the rights and interests of classmates who do participate.
SC 1516.1	The Joint Operating Committee may direct professional employees to conduct a brief period of silent prayer or meditation as part of daily opening exercises. Silent prayer or meditation shall not be conducted as a religious service or exercise.
	References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 771, 1516.1 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.10