

8820 OPENING EXERCISES

The flag of the United States of America shall be raised above each school house and at other appropriate places during all school sessions and on legal school holidays, weather permitting. The flag shall be raised before the opening of school and taken down at its close every day. The flag will be displayed in each classroom.

Pupils in the public schools shall start each day with the salute and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. New Jersey law requires pupils to show respect for the flag of the United States of America. If a pupil is conscientiously opposed to the Pledge or salute, he/she may abstain from participation in these ceremonies, but must remain respectfully silent.

The Principal of each school shall devise appropriate exercises for the development of a higher spirit of patriotism on the last school day preceding:

- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Lincoln's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday
- Memorial Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day

And appropriate exercises for the observation of:

- Flag Day (June 14)
- Arbor Day (April 28)
- Commodore Barry Day (September 13)
- Crispus Attacks Day (March 5)

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