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Note: The HCIS BOD voted to waive the pledge requirement on February 11, 2015, and again on August 13, 2015.

HARBOR CITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL POLICY No. 6.6

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to recognize the importance of displaying the United States flag and instruct students in the proper etiquette, display and respect of the flag.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

- A.** HCIS recognizes that state law requires that all public charter school students recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America one or more times each week. State law also permits a charter school board of directors to annually, by majority vote, waive this requirement.
- B.** In the event HCIS's board of directors does not waive the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, any student or teacher may decline to participate in recitation of the pledge. The HCIS student handbook must include a statement that anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so and that students must respect another person's right to make that choice.
- C.** If the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance is not waived by a majority vote of the board of directors, HCIS must instruct students in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag in patriotic exercises.
- D.** In the event the board of directors does waive the statutory requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the board may, at its discretion, adopt a different policy regarding the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §121A.11 (Pledge of Allegiance)
Minn. Stat. §124D.10 subd. 8(m) (Charter School)