

REFERENCE TITLE: schools; pledge; quiet reflection

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-506, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-506, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-506. Flag, Constitution and Bill of Rights display;
5 recitation of pledge of allegiance; quiet
6 reflection; exemption
7 A. School districts and charter schools shall:
8 1. Acquire United States flags that are manufactured in the United
9 States and that are at least two feet by three feet and hardware to
10 appropriately display the United States flags.
11 2. For grades seven through twelve, acquire a legible copy of the
12 Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights that is
13 manufactured in the United States.
14 3. Display the flags in accordance with title 4 of the United
15 States Code in each classroom and on or near the outside of the school
16 building during school hours and at such other times as the school
17 authorities direct.
18 4. For grades seven through twelve, place a legible copy of the
19 Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights adjacent to each
20 classroom flag.
21 5. FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE, set
22 aside a specific time each day for ~~those students who wish~~ PUPILS to
23 recite the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. PUPILS SHALL
24 RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG DURING THIS
25 TIME. AT THE REQUEST OF A PARENT, THE PARENT'S PUPIL SHALL BE EXCUSED
26 FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH.
27 6. FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE, SET
28 ASIDE A SPECIFIC TIME EACH DAY FOR PUPILS TO ENGAGE IN QUIET REFLECTION
29 AND MORAL REASONING FOR AT LEAST ONE MINUTE. PUPILS SHALL ENGAGE IN QUIET
30 REFLECTION AND MORAL REASONING DURING THIS TIME. AT THE REQUEST OF A
31 PARENT, THE PARENT'S PUPIL SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS
32 PARAGRAPH.
33 B. Private schools, parochial schools and homeschools are exempt
34 from this section.