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No school official shall compel a student to recite the Pledge if the student or the student’s parent or legal guardian objects on religious, philosophical, or other grounds to participating in this exercise.

Students who object to reciting the Pledge shall quietly stand or sit while others recite the Pledge and shall make no display that disrupts or distracts those who are reciting the Pledge.

Appropriate accommodations are made for students who are unable to comply with the procedure described herein due to a disability.

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Students who object to are exempt from reciting the Pledge shall quietly stand or sit at their desks while others recite the Pledge and shall make no display that disrupts or distracts those who are reciting the Pledge.

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