

Book: Luzerne Intermediate Unit  
Section: 800 Operations  
Title: Opening Exercises  
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### **Purpose**

The Board adopts this policy to ensure that all Intermediate Unit programs comply with state and federal laws concerning flag displays, opening exercises and the moment of silence on the anniversary of September 11, while respecting the rights of individuals.

### **Authority**

A United States flag shall be displayed in classrooms containing Intermediate Unit programs and on or near the Intermediate Unit building during school hours, inclement weather and at other times determined by the Board.[\[1\]](#)

Intermediate Unit programs shall provide opening exercises that include a salute to the flag and/or recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem.[\[1\]](#)

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.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

The Board directs the Intermediate Unit to annually provide, during instructional hours, a moment of silence for students and staff to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001.[\[4\]](#)

### **Legal**

1. [24 P.S. 771](#)
2. [22 PA Code 12.10](#)
3. [24 P.S. 1516.1](#)
4. [24 P.S. 1555](#)