CITIZENSHIP AND CHARACTER EDUCATION  

Policy Code: 3530

The Cleveland County Board of Education (the “Board”) encourages all students to develop an understanding of citizenship, including the importance of a citizen’s rights and responsibilities. At a minimum, character education instruction will incorporate all statutory and State Board of Education requirements concerning civics, citizenship, and character education. In addition to meeting any state requirements, character education instruction also should be designed to reinforce the student behavior management plan.

Character education instruction, as required by G.S. 115C-81.60, should address character traits including, but not limited to, courage, good judgment, integrity, kindness, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and self-discipline, as well as responsibilities such as respect for school personnel, responsibility for school safety, service to others, and good citizenship.

The character education instruction must require that: (1) the United States and North Carolina flags be displayed in each classroom, when available; (2) recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance be scheduled on a daily basis with the understanding that no student will be compelled or coerced to participate; (3) appropriate instruction be provided on the meaning and historical origins of the North Carolina and United States flags and the Pledge of Allegiance; (4) Constitution and Citizenship Day be observed on September 17 to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution or be observed the preceding or following week if students are not in school on September 17; and (5) appropriate instruction and/or recognition be provided concerning the significance of Memorial Day.


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