

SUMMARY OF POLICY REVISION

First Reading: November 16, 2026
Second Reading: December 21, 2026

Policy 807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays

Flying the POW/MIA Flag at Public Schools



While state buildings, welcome centers, and turnpike plazas have specific guidelines for displaying the POW/MIA flag, PA Public School Code has not historically mandated this for Pennsylvania school districts.

Senate Bill 835, which requires public schools across the Commonwealth to display the POW/MIA flag alongside the U.S. flag (provided the school can reasonably accommodate it), was unanimously passed by the State Senate in June, 2026.

The bill is currently in the House of Representatives for consideration. While not yet fully enacted into law, this outcome is anticipated. Therefore, the appropriate language has been added to our existing policy to support the raising of the POW/MIA flags across our district.

By meeting the requirement of Senate Bill 835, schools can help ensure the sacrifices of prisoners of war and those missing in action are never forgotten and demonstrate their commitment to supporting military families and educating students about the importance of service.

Further, Administration has been contacted by Mr. Cliff Kerchner, of the Berks County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 131 who, on behalf of his organization, has generously offered to acquire POW/MIA flags for the district at no cost. A springtime ceremony would be planned.