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Nebraska Schools Will be Required to Recite Pledge of Allegiance Daily  
(KLZA) All Nebraska public schools will soon be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily, but students and teachers can opt out if they choose to.

The state Board of Education voted unanimously Friday to require schools to begin making time for the pledge each day beginning sometime this school year.

Districts must comply in order to keep their state accreditation and funding.

Reciting the pledge will be voluntary for students and teachers, but anyone who won't participate must respect the rights of others.

The state board decided to pass this rule after Nebraska lawmakers failed to advance a law requiring the pledge.

The rule is modeled after a 2002 New Hampshire law that federal courts upheld.

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