

### **R 3-34-8      Playing Taps at Veterans Funerals**

The Preston County Board of Education supports the State Legislature in its belief that we should honor our veterans at the time of their death for the service they have given to the nation and its citizens. Therefore, the Board establishes the following guidelines for identifying students within the schools system who have an interest in performing the community service of playing taps for local veterans groups who are conducting military funerals:

- ❖ The Director of Secondary Curriculum shall receive information from the State Department of Education regarding the establishment of a registry of candidates capable of sounding Taps. This information shall be distributed to music and band teachers for their use in notifying capable students and obtaining the consent of their parents or guardians for voluntary registry as a candidate able to sound Taps during military honors funerals held within a reasonable distance from their residence;
- ❖ Students may receive credit toward community service or work based learning requirements of the county or other recognition that will be awarded to a student for the registry and sounding of Taps during military honors funerals;
- ❖ Students shall be limited to three excused absences per semester to perform these services;
- ❖ The Preston County Board of Education is not responsible for any costs associated with the program and may not be required to provide or pay for student transportation to funerals; and
- ❖ The Board is not liable for student supervision while absent to participate in funerals.  
**(WVC §18-2E-8e)**