

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

TITLE: PATRIOTIC PROTOCOLS
CATEGORY: EDUCATION
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I. Rationale:

Students shall be provided with appropriate opportunities to understand their country and province including their values, symbols and patriotic traditions.

II. General:

A. Every school in the district shall have a Canadian flag flown near the entrance to the school.

B. If flags are displayed using flag poles, then protocol requires that:

1. there be only one flag on each pole;
2. no flag is to be flown higher than the Canadian flag;
3. when facing the flags and building, the Canadian flag must be on the left.

C. Flags displayed in the school must be displayed on vertical poles or on wall mounted poles.

D. Sections 5(10)(11) of the *School Act Regulation* (B.C. Regulation 265/89) require:

(10) *The principal of a school, other than a distributed learning school, must*

(a) establish a program of school assemblies to be conducted at appropriate times during the school year,

(b) ensure that assemblies are held at least 3 times in a school year, including the school day immediately preceding Remembrance Day,

(c) ensure that the Canadian national anthem shall be sung at each school assembly, and

(d) ensure that the Canadian flag and the British Columbia flag shall be displayed at each school while in session.

(e) flags shall be flown at half-mast as directed by the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia or the Superintendent of Schools.

(11) *School assemblies referred to in subsection (10) shall be established to promote loyalty to the Crown, respect for Canadian traditions, laws, institutions and human values, and shall include observation of occasions of historic or current importance to Canada and the Commonwealth, as well as appropriate references to the Canadian flag.*

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References: