

AP 157 - FLAG PROTOCOL

Background

Principals and appropriate District Office personnel shall ensure that the Canadian flag and the British Columbia flag are displayed at schools and other District facilities.

Procedures

1. General
 - 1.1 The Canadian and British Columbia flags shall be displayed at all schools while in session.
 - 1.2 When a flag becomes tattered, torn or faded to the extent that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it shall be turned over to the maintenance department for proper disposal.
2. The Principal shall:
 - 2.1 Purchase flags, as required, for display within the school.
 - 2.2 Display the Canadian and British Columbia Flags in accordance with this procedure. Principals may display flags in other areas within the school at his/her discretion.
3. Placement of the flags shall be such that when displayed with another provincial or national flag, the Canadian flag is always placed at the same height as the other, and to the left of an observer facing both flags.
4. For any death related, or special events not noted in item 6, the BC Half-Masting Protocol will be applicable. Refer to the document in item 7 for more information.
5. Direction on any half-masting at the discretion of the District, will come from the District with specific instructions.
6. Key Dates Flags shall be flown at half-mast:
 - 6.1 On April 28, Workers' Mourning Day;
 - 6.2 On June 23, National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism;
 - 6.3 Second Sunday in September – Firefighters' National Memorial Day;
 - 6.4 On the last Sunday in September, Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day;
 - 6.5 The week of September 30, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: District approved half-masting for the week that September 30th falls within;
 - 6.6 On November 11, Remembrance Day - Flag lowered to half mast at 11 a.m.;
 - 6.7 On December 6, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women;

7. Current BC Half-masting Protocols can be found at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/organizational-structure/office-of-the-premier/intergovernmental-relations-secretariat/protocol/flag/bc-half-masting-policy.pdf>

Reference: Sections 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89

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