



## AP A10 Flying of Flags

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Legislative References: None

Policy Reference: None

Collective Agreement References: None

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### **Flags that must be Flown**

All schools are required to fly the National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag of British Columbia from either exterior permanent poles or permanently attached horizontal or angled poles. Interior poles may be installed at the discretion of the principal.

The District will follow the [Federal Rules](#) for displaying the National Flag as published by the Government of Canada. Of note, is that The National Flag will always be flown on its own flagpole, and it is improper to fly the National Flag with another flag, of any type, on the same flagpole.

The District will adopt the [Provincial Flag Protocol](#) of the Protocol and Events Branch of the Government of British Columbia for the lowering (half-masting) of flags.

### **Community/Organization/Awareness (COA) Flag Raising**

Community/Organization/Awareness Flag Raising means the raising of a flag on a dedicated flagstaff for the purpose of raising celebrating an aspect of the community, acknowledging the work of an organization, or creating awareness. Where COA flags are displayed, overall [Flag Placement](#) will depend on the number of flags to be displayed.

Community/Organization/Awareness Flags must be flown on a separate COA flagstaff.

### **Determination of Community/Organization /Awareness (COA) Flags to be Displayed**

The criteria below apply to requests for support for public awareness campaigns pertaining to:

- First Nations (such as local flags and MMIW - Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women),
- health organizations (such as The Terry Fox Foundation),
- citizen organizations (such as Pride),
- not-for-profit groups (such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters), and
- community initiatives.



1. The Community Flagpoles may be used to fly flags:
  - 1.1 in honour of national or independence days important to the residents of the community,
  - 1.2 in support of fund-raising drives important to the residents the community, and
  - 1.3 to celebrate multi-cultural and civic events important to the school community.
  
2. Approval will not be granted to display a flag for:
  - 2.1 political parties
  - 2.2 matters of political controversy
  - 2.3 religious beliefs
  - 2.4 support of fund-raising drives that are political or religious in nature
  - 2.5 matters of individual conviction
  - 2.6 support of groups, organizations, or events that promote beliefs contrary to any District or Ministry of Education and Child Care
  - 2.7 campaigns or events contrary to law, provincial policies or by-laws
  - 2.8 campaigns intended for profit-making purposes

### **Processes**

3. Requests will be first considered by the school principal, and then approved by the Secretary Treasurer.
  
4. The Community/Organization Flagstaff may be utilized for a period of up to two weeks.
  - 4.1. If no additional requests are received during the requested time frame, the flag can remain on the flagstaff at the discretion of the Principal.
  
5. Community Flags shall be not larger than 36inches x 72inches (standard).