



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Name: Flag Display
Section: Board and Community

Policy Code: B-1.9

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board supports the respectful display of the National Flag of Canada, as well as the flags of the provinces and territories.

2. OBJECTIVE

This policy formally establishes the Board's general guidelines for the raising, lowering and display of flags at Board facilities.

3. DEFINITIONS

Board

The corporate Board which maintains the daily operation of the system; Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board; a reference specifically pertaining to Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board as a legal entity; also referred to as KPR or KPRDSB.

Board of Trustees

The elected governance branch of the Board.

4. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all schools and buildings of the Board.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

The Communications and Corporate Affairs area is responsible for the guidelines and directives within this policy developed to ensure consistent flag protocols.

School principals and custodians are responsible for implementing this policy at their buildings.

6. POLICY

6.1 Display of National and Provincial Flags

- 6.1.1 All schools shall display inside the school both the National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag of Ontario, as required by Ontario Regulation 298.
- 6.1.2 The National Flag must be given prominence at all times and should be placed on the left of the other flags (to the right of the dais) when standards are used. If three flags are displayed, the National Flag should be placed in the middle.
- 6.1.3 KPR schools are equipped with one exterior flag pole per school. As such, our schools ensure that the National Flag is given primacy of position at all times. This is maintained throughout the year when our schools also fly the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board flag.

6.2 Lowering Flags

Exterior flags throughout the system shall be lowered to half-mast on the death of:

- 6.2.2 the Sovereign or a member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign (husband or wife, son or daughter, father, mother, brother or sister);
- 6.2.3 the Governor-general or a former Governor-general, the Prime Minister of Canada or a former Prime Minister;
- 6.2.4 The Lieutenant-governor of Ontario or a former Lieutenant-governor;
- 6.2.5 the Premier of Ontario or a former Premier;
- 6.2.6 the Chairperson or member of the Board of Trustees;

In addition:

- 6.2.7 on the death of a Member of the House of Commons or Provincial Legislature for that riding;
- 6.2.8 flags at schools within a specific municipality shall be lowered to half-mast on the death of a Senator whose residence is in that municipality, or of the mayor of the municipality;

- 6.2.9 principals may lower flags to half-mast on the death of any person held in special regard in *the school*, including a student or staff member;
- 6.2.10 the National Flag may be lowered briefly, at 11:00 a.m. on Remembrance Day, in memory of the war dead; and
- 6.2.11 the Director of Education may order the lowering of flags to half-mast at all or any schools, in addition to the foregoing, on the death of any person held in special regard in the system.

"Death" for the purpose described above, may be taken to include the day of death, up to and including the day of funeral.

The position of the flag when flying at half-mast will depend on its size, the length of the flag staff and its location; but as a general rule, the centre of the flag should be exactly halfway down the staff – when hoisted to, or lowered from half-mast position, a flag should first be raised to the mast head.

6.3 Additional Flags

Schools may also display, in addition to the National, Provincial and Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board flag, corporately endorsed flags in support of special events, observances or recognitions (e.g. Pride flag, Métis flag, Every Child Matters flag, etc.).

6.4 Pride Month

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board values equity, diversity, inclusion and the dignity and humanity of each individual. This commitment is captured within its Mission, Vision and Values statements as:

“We value equity, diversity, inclusiveness and the dignity and humanity of each individual in our policies, practices, programs and interactions.”

June is Pride Month around the world, chosen in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots which occurred at the end of June, 1969. The pride flag is a universal symbol of pride, hope and diversity.

Consistent with the Board’s adopted values of equity and inclusive education, and established practice, all schools will fly the pride flag for the duration of the month of June.

At the discretion of the principal schools may also fly the Pride flag during other times in the school year.

7. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Legislation:

[Education Act](#)

[Ontario Regulation 298: Operation of Schools - General](#)