



Policy Manual – Administration

A.02 – Flag Display

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The National Flag of Canada shall be flown at each school and administrative building on each school or working day.
2. Every school and administrative building shall display in the school or administrative building the National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag of Ontario.
3. The Vatican (Papal) flag may be displayed inside school/administrative buildings.
4. The half-masting of the national flag of Canada is a well-established practice in which honour and collective sorrow can be expressed. On certain occasions, it is appropriate to lower the national flag of Canada to half-mast as a dramatic visual statement that signals a sense of loss that is shared by all who view the flag. In consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, direction from the office of the Director of Education will be provided in the event of a decision to lower flags to half-mast across the system.
5. **During the month of June each year, the Rainbow Pride Flag shall be flown at schools and board administrative buildings.**
6. **Flags other than those identified above may be flown upon approval of the Board of Trustees.**

Purpose

The national flag of Canada, as well as the flag of the province of Ontario and the Vatican (Papal) flag are symbols of honour and pride and shall be permitted to be displayed on school properties or within school buildings. The appropriate displaying of each flag recognizes the importance of these symbols and helps staff, students and visitors to the schools and administrative buildings of the Board recognize the respect with which each flag should be treated.

Responsibility - Director of Education

Related Board Committee - Committee of the Whole

Regulations

Education Act, Reg. 298 S.5 (1)

Ontario Fire Code Section 2.7

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