

Community Relations

SUBJECT: FLAG DISPLAY

In keeping with State Education Law and Executive Law, the Board of Education accepts its duty to display the United States flag upon or near each public school building during school hours, weather permitting, and such other times as the statutes may require or the Board may direct.

When ordered by the President, Governor, or local official, to commemorate a tragic event or the death of an outstanding individual, the flag shall be flown at half-staff. The Superintendent's approval shall be required for the flag to be flown at half-staff upon any other occasion.

The flag shall be displayed in every assembly room (i.e. the auditorium) including the room where the Board of Education meetings are conducted, as well as displayed in all rooms used for instruction.

4 USC Section 6
Education Law Sections 418 and 419
Executive Law Section 403
8 NYCRR Sections 108.1-108.3

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SUBJECT: FLAG DISPLAYFlags Displayed Out-of-Doors and on Movable Hoists Indoors

A United States flag shall be displayed in front of every school building in the district every day that school is in session and at such other times as the Superintendent of Schools shall direct. Unless otherwise stated, the flags shall be flown at full-staff. The flags may also be displayed at night upon special occasions, at the discretion of the Superintendent, when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

In addition to days when school is in session, the flags will be displayed on the following days if school is open to the public: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day Flag Day, the Fourth of July, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Christmas Day. If any of these days (except Flag Day) falls on a Sunday, the flag shall be displayed on the next day. In addition, the flag shall be displayed on each general election day and each day appointed by the President of the United States or the Governor of New York as a day of general thanksgiving or for displaying the flag.

Flags shall be flown at half-staff on Pearl Harbor Day, on September 11th Remembrance Day, on days commemorating the death of a personage of great importance, and on days designated by the President or the Governor.

Flags on individual buildings will be flown at half-staff on the day of the funeral or on a day of commemoration for a past or present employee, a past or present Board of Education member or a student. This will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

The flag will not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

Hoisting of the Flag

The flag shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

In half-staffing the flag, it first should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff portion. The flag shall be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. The flag shall never be put at half-mast in the middle of the day. It must be put at half-mast in the morning only.

Indoor Flags and Those Not on Moveable Hoists

There shall be a United States flag in each assembly room of every school in the district. It is the duty of the teacher or other person in charge of each assembly room to ensure that the flag in the room is displayed from a staff standing at the audience's right as they face the stage. If the flag is placed on the platform it should stand at the right of the speaker as he/she faces the audience and at the audience's left as they face the stage.