

DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD POLICY / REGULATIONS

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Subject:	Flag Protocol
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The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board adheres to the guidelines regarding the flying of flags in accordance with regulation 298 of the Education Act.

Regulation 298 – Education Act

Flag

5 (1) *Every school shall fly both the National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag of Ontario on such occasions as the Board directs.*

(2) *Every school shall display in the school, the National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag of Ontario.*

REGULATIONS

8.06 FLAG PROTOCOL

1. The National Flag of Canada shall be flown at each board facility including schools, the Catholic Education Centre and Keaton Centre (*see also Sec. 9 – Canadian Flag*).
2. The Provincial Flag of Ontario and the appropriate municipal flag may also be flown, but not on the same pole.
3. The Vatican (papal) flag may be displayed inside school premises. In addition, the flags of the Provinces and Territories of Canada may be displayed inside schools or other board facilities.
4. Any other flag must be approved by the Director of Education or designate.
5. All flags at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board schools and other locations shall be flown at half-staff upon the direction of the Director of Education or designate. Flags are flown at half-staff in recognition of the death of prominent public figures and other individuals.
6. Individual schools, at the discretion of the principal, in consultation with their supervisory officer, may fly their flag at half-staff to recognize the death of a student or staff member.

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7. On Remembrance Day, flags at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board schools and other board facilities shall be flown at half-staff from 11:00 a.m. to the end of the instructional day as a symbol of respect for those who have fallen in foreign wars and in United Nations peacekeeping missions.
8. Flags must be treated with dignity and respect at all times, in accordance with the following:
 - Flags should be regularly inspected for signs of wear and damage and shall be replaced when worn, noticeably faded or otherwise unfit for service;
 - When raised or lowered, a flag should be prevented from touching or falling to the ground;
 - No banners or pennants should be flown together on the same pole except at single pole locations.
9. **Canadian Flag**
 - a) The Canadian flag may be displayed flat or flown on a staff. If flat, it may be hung horizontally or vertically. If it hangs vertically, against a wall, the flag should be placed so that the upper part of the leaf is to the left and the stem is to the right as seen by spectators.
 - b) In a procession, it will be at the marching right or at the centre front
 - c) No flag, banner or pennant shall be flown or displayed above the Canadian flag.
 - d) Where possible, the Canadian flag should be flown from the highest pole.
 - e) No flag should be larger than the Canadian flag
 - f) Where three flags are flown together, the Canadian flag will be in the centre.
10. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Canadian Flag**
 - a) Opening exercises for a school day may include a pledge to the Canadian flag.
 - b) Schools may use the following pledge or adapt it to their specific situation:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Canadian Flag:

I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the country it represents, I pledge respect and loyalty. Wave with pride from sea to sea and within your folds, keep us ever united. Be for all a symbol of love, freedom and justice. God keep our flag. God protect our Canada.

- c) Principals should consider including a Pledge to the Flag as part of the opening exercises on school days which are on or near days of special national significance (e.g., Remembrance Day, Canada Day)