

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

Background

The development of pride in our country and respect for the national symbols adopted by our government is an objective in the Division's schools. The pride is to stem from the values and qualities we hold as Canadian citizens and as a nation and from the place we hold as a respected nation in the international community.

Procedures

1. Participation in and exposure to patriotic exercises is important in the development of positive attitudes and love of our country as well as contributing to the development of good citizenship. A form of patriotic exercise may be included as part of opening exercises in the classroom.
2. On occasion the flying of the Canadian and provincial flags and the singing of our national anthem are required activities in our schools.
 - 2.1 Principals, in consultation with the School Community Council, shall determine the occasions on which the national anthem will be sung.
 - 2.2 The Director may direct schools to lower flags. Requests to have flags lowered at individual schools are to be made to the Director.
3. Opportunities shall be found in the appropriate curriculum areas to develop, in our students, knowledge of and a sense of pride in our country and in patriotic activities.
4. The flag of Canada shall be prominently displayed inside and outside the school building.

Reference: Section 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 184, Education Act