

BOARD POLICY	
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FLAGS

1. OBJECTIVE

The Halton District School Board (“the Board”) believes all schools and Halton District School Board buildings shall fly a Canadian flag. The flag should be in good order and repair, and flown in a manner consistent with national guidelines.

2. POLICY

The Board believes the lowering of the Canadian flag to the half-mast position is a symbolic gesture of condolence and respect. The Board supports the lowering of national flags to half-mast as a means to commemorate established occasions and dates, and to support governments and public organizations as they bestow an honour and express a collective sense of sorrow shared by all citizens.

Furthermore, the Director of Education may also request the flying of a flag in support of community awareness initiatives which align with the Board’s values, supports the principles and expectations of the Board’s Safe Schools Policy, Human Rights Equity Action and Accountability Plan, and are consistent with the Ontario Human Rights Code. Such requests may be directed to all or some schools and other Board owned buildings, or limited to the J.W. Singleton Education Centre. Similarly, the Director may request a flag to fly on an outside flagpole, or to be displayed on the interior of the buildings.

References:

Ontario Human Rights Code

[Government of Canada website](#)

Board References:

Halton District School Board Administrative Procedure: Flags

Safe Schools Policy

Human Rights Equity Action and Accountability Plan