



Patriotic Observances Administrative Procedure 1.A.100

Board Governance Policy Cross Reference:

Legal Reference: The Public Schools Act, sections 41(1)(b), 85, 229; The Education Administration Act, section 16(1)(b); Manitoba Regulation 472/88R (Schools Patriotic Observances Regulation)

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OPENING EXERCISES

On each day on which a school is in regular operation for instruction, the day shall begin with:

1. "O' Canada"; the national anthem shall be played, sung, etc. as prescribed by the school Principal
While "O Canada" is taking place, all pupils shall stand excepting only those pupils who are excused on medical grounds or on other grounds satisfactory to the Principal
2. the acknowledgement that the schools in Evergreen School Division are on Treaty One and Treaty Two traditional territory and the Metis homeland; this may be followed by a morning greeting in a traditional language and/ or other messages in the spirit of collaboration and reconciliation
3. school specific news and reminders

REMEMBRANCE DAY

All schools in Evergreen School Division School shall hold Remembrance Day exercises on the day prior to November 11. If November 11 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, the exercises are to be held on the preceding Friday.

The exercises may consist of readings, recitations, songs, addresses, and pageants of a patriotic character as approved by the Principal and must include two minutes of silence.

CITIZENSHIP EXERCISES

All schools in Evergreen School Division School shall hold citizenship exercises on day(s) proclaimed for such by the Lieutenant Governor or Governor General. The content of such must be approved by the Principal.

FLAG OF CANADA

All schools in Evergreen School Division School shall erect and maintain upon the school building or on the school grounds a flagstaff.

The Canadian Flag is to be flown on each day that the school is open, weather conditions permitting.

The decision to fly a school flag at half – mast only must be made only upon direction from the Board and/or ESD Superintendent, or as directed by Manitoba Education or Manitoba Protocol Office. Schools are not to make this decision on their own.