

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Background:

The Division plays a role in nurturing students' pride in being Canadian citizens.

Procedures:

1. The Principal shall ensure Remembrance Day is acknowledged and honoured as outlined below:
 - 1.1. When Remembrance Day falls on a non-school day, at least two minutes of silence from 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m. will be observed in a ceremony or by other appropriate means on the last school day immediately preceding Remembrance Day.
 - 1.2. If a ceremony is held at the school, all students shall either attend the ceremony or remain in the school.
 - 1.3. All school flags will be lowered to half-mast no earlier than the evening before Remembrance Day and raised no later than the morning after Remembrance Day. Responsibility at each school is that of the custodial contractor.
2. Parents/guardians may request to have their child(ren) opt out of patriotic exercises for cultural and/or religious beliefs. Students who opt out are expected to display appropriate behaviour in their alternative activities.

Reference:

Section 16, 18, 58.1, 196, 197, 222 *Education Act*

Alberta Bill of Rights

Alberta Human Rights Act

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982

Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act

Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12

Remembrance Day Act