

## **PROVISIONS FOR DISPLAY AND PATRIOTIC EXERCISES REGARDING UNITED STATES AND CALIFORNIA FLAGS**

The Flag of the United States of America and the Flag of the State of California shall be raised above each school and at other appropriate places during all school sessions and on all legal school holidays, weather permitting. The Flag shall be raised before the opening of school and taken down at the close of every day.

The United States Flag shall be displayed at full-staff except under one of the following conditions:

1. All flags in the District shall be displayed at half-staff on those days when the flags on Federal installations are ordered to be displayed at half-staff by the President of the United States or on those days when the Flags on State of California installations are ordered to be displayed at half-staff by the Governor.
2. The District Superintendent may order all flags of the District to be flown at half-staff in one or more of the following circumstances:
  - a. Upon the death of any officer or employee of the school district, or a former officer or employee of the school district, for not more than three days.
  - b. Upon the death of any officer or employee of the school district, for not more than three days, when, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the pupil or resident has made an outstanding contribution to the District or when the circumstances of the death of the pupil or resident deserve to be memorialized.
  - c. During that period of time when the flags of the County of Alameda are ordered to be displayed at half-staff by the County Board of Supervisors or when the flags of any other local agency which encompasses all or a part of this school district are ordered by the governing board of that agency to be displayed at half-staff.
3. The principal of a school may order the flag of that school to be displayed at half-staff for not more than three days in one or more of the following circumstances:
  - a. Upon the death of a member, or former member, of the staff of the school.
  - b. Upon the death of a pupil attending the school when, in the opinion of the principal, said pupil has made an outstanding contribution to the school or when said pupil's death occurred under circumstances that deserve to be memorialized.

Under no circumstances shall the United States Flag be displayed as a distress signal before or above any building of the District or in any classroom of the District.

In every public secondary school there shall be conducted daily appropriate patriotic exercises. The giving of the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America shall satisfy this requirement. Such patriotic exercises for secondary schools shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations which shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasanton Unified School District.

In every public elementary school each day during the school year at the beginning of the first regularly scheduled class or activity period at which the majority of the pupils of the school normally begin the school day there shall be conducted appropriate patriotic exercises. The giving of the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America shall satisfy this requirement.

The United States Flag shall be displayed in all classrooms, libraries and auditoriums at all times during school sessions. The principal shall see that the Flag is properly kept when it is not being flown. Principals and teachers shall see that proper respect is shown to the Flag of the United States of America and that the Flag is properly displayed in accordance with those customs recorded in Title 36 of the United States Code and the Regulations of State of California Military and Veterans Code.

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