



Flags on School Property
Policy Series: 7000 Community

Policy No. 7280

Purpose

The board of education recognizes the importance of maintaining district property as a neutral and orderly educational environment. This policy establishes the flags that may be displayed on district property in accordance with Utah law and clarifies that only authorized official flags may be prominently displayed by the district or its schools.

Definitions:

Display, when used in reference to a flag, means placing the flag in a prominent location on District property where it is easily visible.

Flag means a usually rectangular piece of fabric bearing a specific design that symbolizes a location, governmental entity, institution, organization, or cause.

School property means district-owned, leased, or controlled buildings, grounds, facilities, and other property.

Authorized Flags

Only the following flags may be displayed on district property:

1. The current flag of the United States of America;
2. A historic version of the flag of the United States of America;
3. The current official flag of the State of Utah;
4. A historical version of the official flag of the State of Utah;
5. The current official flag of another country;
6. The current official flag of another state;
7. The current official flag of a political subdivision of another country or state;
8. A flag representing a Utah city, municipality, county, or other political subdivision;
9. A flag representing a branch, unit, or division of the United States military;
10. The National League of Families POW/MIA flag;
11. A flag representing an Indian tribe as defined by federal law;

- 37 12. An officially licensed flag of a college or university that depicts only the colors, logos, and
38 marks consistent with the institution's official branding;
39 13. An official public school flag;
40 14. An official flag of:
41 a. The United States Olympic Committee;
42 b. The United States Paralympic Committee;
43 c. The International Olympic Committee; or
44 d. The International Paralympic Committee;
45 15. An official flag of an Olympiad or Paralympiad that occurred or will occur in Utah; and
46 16. A flag of an organization authorized to use a district school facility, provided the flag is
47 displayed only:
48 a. At the location where the organization is authorized to use the facility; and
49 b. During the time the organization is authorized to use the facility.
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51 **Display Requirements**

52 An authorized flag shall be displayed without alterations to its official:

- 53 1. Colors;
54 2. Symbols; or
55 3. Appearance.

56 A flag may not be modified or combined with other words, symbols, designs, or images in a
57 manner that changes its official appearance.
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59 **Application of Policy**

60 This policy applies to flags prominently displayed on district property by the district, a district
61 school, or an organization authorized to use district facilities.

62 This policy does not prohibit:

- 63 1. Images of flags appearing in textbooks, library materials, instructional materials,
64 historical displays, or other printed or digital educational resources;
65 2. Images of flags depicted on personal clothing or apparel; or
66 3. Images of flags appearing on personally owned property.

67 Nothing in this policy limits the district's authority to regulate personal property, apparel,
68 displays, or conduct under another applicable district policy or law.
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70 **Administration**

71 The superintendent or designee shall administer this policy.

72 A principal or district administrator may remove or direct the removal of a flag that is not
73 authorized by this policy or that has been altered in a manner inconsistent with this policy.

74 Questions concerning whether a flag is authorized under this policy shall be referred to the
75 Superintendent or designee.

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78 **Legal References:**

79 [Utah Code § 63G-1-704\(1\)](#)

80 [Utah Code § 63G-1-704\(2\), \(3\)](#)

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82 **Board Approved:**

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