

Administrative Procedure 207

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Background

Teachers and staff within the Division play a role in nurturing each student's pride in being a Canadian citizen. Patriotic exercises shall exist in all Division schools.

Procedures

1. The Principal shall ensure that the National Anthem "O Canada" is either sung or played at the beginning of each school week in all Division schools.
2. Remembrance Day shall be acknowledged and honoured, notably:
 - 2.1 Remembrance Day ceremonies shall occur during the school week immediately preceding November 11 and in accordance with the Alberta Remembrance Day Act.
 - 2.2 If a ceremony is held at the school, all students are expected to attend the ceremony as per section 1(2) of the Remembrance Day Act.
 - 2.3 The staff member or members responsible for planning and organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony shall review **Administrative Procedure 155 Event and Visitor Protocols** prior to the event to ensure adherence to proper protocol.
3. Parents may have their child(ren) opt out of patriotic exercises for cultural and/or religious beliefs as per section 58.1 of the Education Act.

Reference: Education Act 16, 18, 32, 58, 196, 197, 222 Alberta Human Rights Act Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, Constitution Act, 1982 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act Guide to Education ECS to Gr. 12 Remembrance Day Act	
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References shall be updated as required and do not require additional approval.