

CODE: ACB.BP**EFFECTIVE DATE:** (28-01-2020)**TOPIC:** National Anthem and Flag**ISSUE DATE:** (29-01-2020)**REVIEW YEAR:** (2024)

PURPOSE

To reflect the Board of Trustees' (the Board) responsibility under the *Education Act* to support the use of the Canadian national anthem and Canadian flag in Edmonton Public Schools.

POLICY

The Board believes that the Canadian flag and Canadian national anthem are powerful symbols of our Canadian identity as a multicultural and democratic nation.

The Board believes that demonstrations of Canadian identity contribute to a climate of mutual respect and trust conducive to student learning, personal development, social living and citizenship within a Canadian context.

EXPECTATIONS

All Edmonton Public Schools will display the Canadian flag and are expected to play or conduct regular singing of the national anthem. Each school will determine the appropriate manner to conduct singing of the national anthem, within the parameters provided by site-based decision making (for example: how often to sing the national anthem and whether or not to sing the anthem bilingually).

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Superintendent will ensure the Division uses appropriate protocols related to the use of the national anthem and Canadian flag.

REFERENCES

AE.BP - Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Learning and Working Environments

CO.BP - Fiscal Oversight and Accountability

FA.BP - Human Resources Framework

FBCA.AR - Respectful Working Environments

GGAB.BP - Multicultural Education

GND.B.AR - Flying and Displaying Flags in Schools

Anthems and Symbols of Canada

Education Act Sections 58(1), 61