

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Background

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

Procedures

1. The Principal shall ensure:
 - 1.1 That O'Canada is sung at appropriate school functions and at all assemblies.
 - 1.2 Remembrance Day is acknowledged and honoured as outlined below:
 - 1.2.1 On November 11 at least two (2) minutes of silence from 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m. will be observed in a Remembrance Day ceremony or by another appropriate means.
 - 1.2.2 When Remembrance Day falls on a non-school day, procedure 1.2.1 will be complied with on the school day immediately preceding Remembrance Day.
 - 1.2.3 If a ceremony is held at the school, all students shall either attend the ceremony or remain in the school.
2. Parents may request to have their child(ren) opt out of patriotic exercises for cultural and/or religious beliefs. If they are opting out, students are expected to display appropriate behaviour in their alternative activities. Notice and Student Exemption Form (Form 205-1)

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Reference: Section 16, 18, 32, 33, 52, 53, 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