

Administrative Procedures

AP-603 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION	Date of implementation: Fall 2006 Date of update: October 7, 2019 August 20, 2021 May 5, 2022
	Related Administrative Procedures:

Purpose: To guide schools in instruction in Canadian citizenship and participation in patriotic observances and exercises.

Procedures:

- 1) Each school may display the [Canadian and Saskatchewan flags](#). When only one flagpole exists, the Canadian flag shall be flown.
- 2) Flags will be removed on the last day of the school year and raised at the start of the new school year in order to ensure they are raised and lowered appropriately when staff are in the building.
- 3) The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* shall be displayed in each school.
- 4) "O Canada" may be sung and/or played prior to school assemblies and the beginning of classes.
- 5) A *Treaty Land Acknowledgement statement* may be read aloud during or prior to school assemblies and the beginning of classes:

Treaty Land Acknowledgement statement:

"Prairie Spirit School Division proudly serves students and communities on Treaty 6 territory and on the Homeland of the Metis. Treaty 6 is the traditional territory of the Cree, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, Dené, and Saulteaux peoples, and home to many diverse Métis and non-Status First Nations people.

Daily we are reminded of the work and learning that needs to be done to include Indigenous perspectives history, cultures, knowledges, and contemporary experiences.

Prairie Spirit commits to leading and learning with Indigenous neighbors and partners in the spirit of the treaties, of reconciliation and the Calls to Action and the actualization of a shared and prosperous future for all."

- 6) Remembrance Day is to be observed by all schools.
- 7) In planning to display Treaty symbols (e.g., Treaty medal, Treaty flag, Métis flag), the following will be considered:

- a) The raising or displaying of Treaty symbols should be surrounded by learning, before, during and after the event. For example, ask students to research and plan for a special event or assembly to celebrate the Treaty symbol.
- b) Displaying Treaty symbols will inherently include a sense of a commitment to ongoing learning and strong relationships. How will students and staff be reminded of this commitment through the school year?
- c) As a treaty is a symbol of partnership, displaying a Treaty symbol may also include a partnership with a local First Nation neighbor or a First Nation family. Within this partnership, consultation and collaboration about protocols for displaying a Treaty symbol would be appropriate.

References:

[Education Act, 1995, Sections 184](#)

[Flagging Policies and Procedures – Government of SK](#)