

FLAG DISPLAYS

Traditional customs and practices of displaying the US flag are outlined below for school use.

Salute to the Flag

Appropriate pupil assemblies/exercises shall include the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Displaying the Flag

1. When the flag is displayed flat, either horizontally or vertically, on a wall or window, the union (or blue field) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right (to the observer's left when facing flag).
2. When displayed on a stage or a platform, in front of an audience, the US flag should be placed on a staff in the position of honor to the speaker's right. Any other flag should be at the speaker's left. If displayed in the body of an auditorium or hall, the US flag should be to the right of the audience as it faces the speaker, with any other flag to the audience's left.
3. When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union should be at the staff's peak (unless flag is to be displayed at half-staff). When suspended from a rope between a building and a pole at the edge of a sidewalk, the flag should be raised out from the building toward the pole, union first.
4. When displayed with another flag from crossed staff, the US flag should be on its own right, with its staff in front of the staff of the other flag.
5. When the other flags are displayed from staffs with the US flag, the latter should be at the center, or at the highest point of the group.
6. When pennants or other flags are flown on the same halyard with the US flag, the latter should always be at the peak.
7. When the flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height.
8. When carried in a parade with another flag or flags, the US flag should be on the marching right.
9. When carried in a parade with a line of flags of states, cities, or organizations, the US flag should always be carried in front of the center of that line.

Flying the Flag at Half-Staff

When it is to be flown at half-staff, the flag should be raised to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position; but before the flag is lowered for the day, it should again be raised to the peak.

The US flag is to be flown at half-staff at the following times: (1) 30 days after the death of a president or former president of the United States; (2) 10 days after the death of a vice president, chief justice or retired chief justice, or the speaker of the House of Representatives; (3) from the day of death until burial of an associate justice of the Supreme Court, a member of the Cabinet, a former vice president, the secretaries of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, or the governor of a state, territory, or possession; (4) on the day of death and the following day for a US senator or representative, or the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico.

In the event of death of other officials, former officials, or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to presidential instructions, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law.

Disposal of Worn Flags

When a US flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display because of wear or damage, it shall be taken to the Local VFW for proper disposal.

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