

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

## DISPLAY OF THE FLAG

Policy 6117

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The Board of Education believes that the flag of the United States is a symbol of the values of our nation, the ideals embedded in our Constitution and the spirit that should animate our School District.

The School District shall purchase a United States flag, flag staff and the necessary appliances for its display upon or near every School District building. There shall be a flag on display in every assembly room of every school.

The flag shall be flown at full- or half-staff pursuant to law. In addition, the flag may be flown at half-staff to commemorate the death of a former student who is a veteran, a former employee who is a veteran or a former Board of Education member who is a veteran, a present student, a current employee or a current Board of Education member, and/or in the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the Board of Education.

Consistent with national and state law and regulations and this policy, the Superintendent of Schools shall develop rules and regulations for the proper custody, care and display of the flag.

### Flags Displayed Out-of-Doors and on Movable Hoists Indoors

A United States flag shall be displayed in front of every school building in the School District every day that school is in session and at such other times as the Superintendent of Schools shall direct. Unless otherwise stated, the flags shall be flown at full-staff. The flags may also be displayed at night upon special occasions, at the discretion of the Superintendent, when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect. During inclement weather, the flag shall be placed conspicuously in the main room of the school building.

In addition to days when school is in session, the flags will be displayed on the following days including but not limited to: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Christmas Day. If any of these days (except Flag Day) falls on a Sunday, the flag shall be displayed on the next day. In addition, the flag shall be displayed on each general election day and each day appointed by the President of the United States or by the Governor of New York as a day of general thanksgiving or for displaying the flag.

Flags shall also be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

Flags shall be flown at half-staff on Pearl Harbor Day, on September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day, on days commemorating the death of a personage of great importance, and on days designated by the President or the Governor.

The flag will not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

### Hoisting of the Flag

The flag shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

In half staffing the flag, it first should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag shall be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. The flag shall never be put at half-staff in the middle of the day. It must be put at half-staff in the morning only.

Indoor Flags and Those Not on Movable Hoists

There shall be a United States flag in each assembly room of every school in the School District. It is the duty of the teacher or other person in charge of each assembly room to ensure that the flag in the room is displayed from a staff standing at the audience's right as they face the stage. If the flag is placed on the platform, it should stand at the right of the speaker as they face the audience and at the audience's left as they face the stage.

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Ref: 4 USC §§5-9  
Education Law §§418; 419; 420  
Executive Law §§400-403  
8 NYCRR Part 108

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