

POLICY TITLE: Display of Flags		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE:	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED:	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED:
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY:		

I. Purpose

To establish a uniform countywide policy in regard to the display of the flag.

II. Definitions

- A. Flag: a piece of cloth or similar material, typically rectangular, attachable by one edge to a pole or rope that is used as the symbol or emblem of a country or institution, or as a festive decoration.**
- B. Display: make a prominent exhibition of (something, in this case the flag) in a place where it can be easily seen.**

III. Statement of Policy

The Board of Education agrees with Section 7-105(a) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland that “the love of freedom and democracy, shown in the devotion of all true and patriotic Americans to their flag and country, shall be instilled in the hearts and minds” of the students attending the Harford County Public Schools. In furtherance of that provision, the current American flag shall be displayed on the grounds of every school and in every classroom, conference room, school office, gymnasium, cafeteria, auditorium, stadium, and other rooms frequented by students, staff, and guests.

The only other flags or banners that may be flown, posted or affixed to the grounds, stadiums, fencing wall, doors, ceiling, or any other appurtenances Board of Education of Harford County (including, but not limited to desks and any other fixtures), are as follows:

- The current Maryland flag
- The current Harford County flag

- **Such flags as are used as part of a temporary unit of study within the approved curriculum**
- **Flags or banners that denote a recognition of achievement and are approved by the Superintendent including, but not limited to Blue Ribbon School, Green School, PBIS School etc.**
- **MPSSAA or other similar sport tournament banners recognizing the participation of a school team**
- **Banners from colleges or universities or professional sports teams**
- **Flags of countries representing the many nations of the world may be shown in the common areas of a school building as a multi-national display in a manner and for purposes approved by the Superintendent, provided that no such flags may be as large or as prominent as the current American flag.**

Board Approval Acknowledged By:

Sean W. Bulson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Policy Action Dates		
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LEGAL REFERENCES¹

Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article 7-107 (a)

¹ All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.