

FLAG ETIQUETTE IN CANADA

Comprehensive explanations for additional circumstances of flying Canada's flag can be found at the following Government of Canada site <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-etiquette/flying-rules.html>

The following list is an abbreviation of those guidelines that will address most of the conditions and circumstances under which schools fly the Canadian flag. This list is NOT COMPLETE.

Dignity of the Flag

The National Flag of Canada should be displayed only in a manner befitting this important national symbol; it should not be subjected to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. The National Flag always takes precedence over all other national flags when flown in Canada. The only flags to which precedence is given over the Canadian flag are the personal standards of members of the Royal Family and of Her Majesty's eleven representatives in Canada (i.e. The Governor General and 10 Lieutenant Governors).

Guidelines:

1. The National Flag of Canada (the Flag) should always be flown on its own mast.
2. The Flag should not be used as table/seat cover.
3. Nothing should be pinned to or sewn on the Flag.
4. The Flag should not be signed or marked in any way.
5. When the Flag is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, all present should face the flag.

Displaying the Flag:

6. The Flag may be flown by night as well as by day.
7. If hung horizontally, the upper part of the leaf should be up and the stem down.
8. If hung vertically, the Flag should be placed so that the upper part of the leaf points to the left and the stem to the right.
9. When only three flags are displayed, the Flag should be at the centre.
10. When two flags (or more than three flags) are displayed, the position of honour is furthest to the left (to an observer facing the display).