

Administrative Procedure 230

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

Background

The Division believes that the teaching of Canadian citizenship is an important function of each school in the Division. To that end students shall receive instruction in Canadian citizenship and participate in patriotic observances and exercises.

Procedures

1. It is a goal of the Division to foster the growth of young Canadian citizens such that they are able to take their place as secure and productive members of society. Specifically, young citizens need to be given the proper tools to be able to accomplish the following:
 - 1.1 Assume responsibility for their own actions.
 - 1.2 Respect the rights and property of others.
 - 1.3 Act with honesty, integrity, compassion and fairness.
 - 1.4 Work with others to achieve individual and group goals.
 - 1.5 Participate in the democratic processes of government and perform the duties of citizenship.
 - 1.6 Develop a sense of national pride and acknowledge the need for international understanding.
 - 1.7 Work toward greater social justice.
 - 1.8 Assume responsibility for dependent persons in a manner consistent with their needs.
 - 1.9 Respect law and authority.
 - 1.10 Exercise the right of dissent responsibly.
 - 1.11 Recognize today's choices determine tomorrow's reality.
2. The teaching of citizenship shall occur within the framework of the Core Curriculum.
3. In addition to formal instruction in Canadian citizenship, schools shall provide opportunities for informal instruction in citizenship through such activities as the following:
 - 3.1 The display of the Canadian flag inside and outside of schools.
 - 3.2 The singing of the National Anthem at patriotic exercises and special events such as concerts, graduation exercises and sporting events.
 - 3.3 Participating in special programs for the observance of such nationally recognized days as Remembrance Day and Victoria Day.
 - 3.4 Students may be excused on the basis of religious or personal beliefs upon request by a parent or guardian.

Reference: Section 85, 87, 109, 175, 184, *The Education Act, 1995*
Section 47, Education Regulations
Flag Protocol- http://www.gr.gov.sk.ca/protocol/practice/flag_procedures.htm

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