

FLAG POLICY

Policy

Under Vermont law, the Orange Southwest School District (District) is a municipality and a government body.

The District School Board supports the exercise of protected free speech by students and staff. The Board does not believe, however, that flag poles at school buildings in the District should be public forums for free speech. Public forums are places where all protected speech must be allowed.

Under Vermont law, each school must have a flagpole on the premises, and while school is in session the school must fly the United States flag. Vermont law also permits the District to display a Vermont state flag.

It is the policy of the District that only the Vermont and United States flags may be flown on the school flag poles. It is the policy of the District to encourage free speech in other, appropriate, locations and circumstances.

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