

**Policy Statement # 1945 (Administration) of the Board of Education
Regarding Flags**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To establish a uniform countywide policy regarding the display of the flag.
- II. Definition
 - A. Flag - a piece of cloth, bunting, or similar material displaying the insignia of a sovereign state, a community, an organization, an armed force, an office, or an individual. A flag is usually, but not always, oblong and is attached by one edge to a staff or halyard.
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. 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 Calvert 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, stadium, and auditorium.
- IV. Standards and Guidelines
 - A. Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article:
 - 1. 7-105 (a) “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 students attending the Calvert County Public Schools.
 - B. The only other flags or banners that may be flown, posts, or affixed to the grounds, stadiums, fencing, wall, doors, ceiling, or any other appurtenances of any public school system building, or facility owned or operated by the Board of Education of Calvert County (including, but not limited to desks), are as follows:
 - 1. The current Maryland flag
 - 2. The current Calvert County flag
 - 3. Such flags as are used as part of a temporary display within the approved curriculum
 - 4. 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, Purple Star School, etc.
 - 5. MPSSAA or other similar sport tournament banners recognizing the participation of a school team
 - 6. Banners from colleges or universities or professional sports teams

7. 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 flags may be as large or as prominent as the current American flag.

V. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

VI. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board by majority vote may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state, and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VII. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VIII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective September 11, 2025.

Citations

State Law: Section 7-105(a) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.:

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation:

Related Policy

Policy 1940 (Administration) Policy of the Board of Education Regarding Social and Political Neutrality

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