

DISPLAY OF THE FLAG

The Peru Central School District Board of Education believes that the flag of the United States is a symbol of the values of our nation, the ideals embedded in our Constitution and the spirit that should animate our district.

A United States flag shall be displayed in front of every school building in the district every day that school is in session and at such other times as the Superintendent of Schools shall direct. Unless otherwise stated, the flags shall be flown at full-staff. The flags may also be displayed at night upon special occasions, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

In addition to days when school is in session, the flags may be displayed on the following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Christmas Day. If any of these days (except Flag Day) falls on a Sunday, the flag shall be displayed on the next day. In addition, the flag shall be displayed on each general election day and each day appointed by the President of the United States or by the Governor of New York as a day of general thanksgiving or for displaying the flag.

Flags shall be flown at half-staff on Pearl Harbor Day, on days commemorating the death of a personage of great importance to the nation or state, and on days designated by the President or the Governor. Flags shall fly at half-staff to commemorate the death of a present student, present school board member or present employee. Flags may be flown at half-staff for up to one week in such instances and the specific number of such days for flags being flown at half-staff to commemorate such a death are determined by the Superintendent of Schools. The flag will not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

Hoisting of the Flag

The flag shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. In half staffing the flag, it first should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag shall be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

Indoor Flags and Those Not on Movable Hoists

There shall be a United States flag in each assembly room of every school in the district. It is the duty of the teacher or other person in charge of each assembly room to ensure that the flag in the room is displayed from a staff standing at the audience's right as they face the stage. If the flag is placed on the platform, it should stand at the right of the speaker as he/she faces the audience and at the audience's left as they face the stage.

References: 4 USC §§5-9 (display of the flag)
 Education Law §§418; 419; 420 (requirement for the school to purchase, display and develop rules and regulations for the care and custody of the flag)
 Executive Law §§400-403 (rules for display of the flag)
 8 NYCRR Part 108 (flag regulations)

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