

The board of trustees adopts this policy in order to maintain a neutral and inclusive environment for all students and to ensure that flags and banners displayed on district property do not promote political, religious, or ideological viewpoints.

## **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms apply to this policy:

“Banner” means a long, rectangular, or square piece of fabric, paper, or other material, often displayed in a vertical or horizontal manner, used to convey a message, symbol, emblem, or representation of an institution or a political, religious, or ideological expression, or used to announce or celebrate an event or achievement.

“Display” means to keep a flag or banner visible on school property beyond a brief curriculum-based educational purpose.

“Flag” means a piece of fabric or similar material, typically rectangular or square, attached to a pole or staff and used as a symbol, emblem, or representation of a country, state, tribe, institution, or any political, religious, or ideological expression.

## **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN FLAGS AND BANNERS**

No flags or banners that represent political, religious, or ideological views, including but not limited to political parties, race, gender, sexual orientation, or political ideologies, may be displayed on district property such as classrooms, hallways, entryways, or sports fields.

This policy does not apply to any of the following:

- Official flags or banners representing the United States;
- Official flags of any state in the United States;
- The official flag of the state of Idaho, or any county, municipality, public university or community college, school district, or any other political subdivision or governmental instrumentality of or within the state;
- Official flags of the United States military;
- Official flags of Idaho Indian tribes;
- Official flags of recognized foreign nations with which the United States is not engaged in hostile action;
- Achievement flags or banners recognized by the Idaho State Department of Education;
- Flags or banners representing official school mascots and colors;
- Electronic displays within the school;
- Personal items such as pins or shirts worn by students that are consistent with the school’s dress code; and
- Displays in the school parking lot.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-143 – Display of Flags and Banners on Public School Property

**ADOPTED:** June 17, 2025

**AMENDED:**