FLAG DISPLAYS

1. Displaying the Official Flag of the United States of America

a. Buildings and grounds of the Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 shall display the American Flag giving it proper care and ceremony daily.

   i. A suitable flagstaff or flagpole will be erected and maintained on each schoolhouse or school grounds in the District.

   ii. A flag of the United States of America will be properly displayed on each flagstaff or flagpole on all days, except during inclement weather, when the school is in session.

b. Each classroom in the Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 shall properly display an authentic United States of America flag appropriate for a classroom, in a conspicuous and appropriate manner during the school hours of each day.

c. Elementary and secondary students will receive instruction in the proper use, display and history of and respect for the American flag and the national colors.

2. Displaying Other Flags

a. Pursuant to Idaho Code 33-143, only the following flags and banners are permitted to be displayed on school property:

   i. The official flag of the United States,

   ii. 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 of Idaho;

   iii. Official flags of any state in the United States,

   iv. Official flags of recognized foreign nations, as long as the United States is not engaged in hostile action toward that nation;

   v. School flags that have been officially approved by the Board of Trustees;

   vi. Official flags of any of the military branches and units of the United States,

   vii. Official flags of Indian tribes,

viii. Flags or banners recognized by the Idaho Department of Education awarded for achievements, or

ix. Flags or banners representing official school mascots, or colors.

b. Pursuant to Idaho Code 33-143, flags or banners that represent a political viewpoint, including but not limited to flags or banners regarding a political party, race, sexual orientation, gender, or a political ideology may not be displayed on school grounds.

c. Any other flags in classrooms or other school spaces shall only be displayed according to the provisions of Board Policy 5240: Professional Conduct.

3. Compliance

a. The Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators requires professional educators to abide by all federal, state, and local education laws and statutes.

b. Employees of Bonneville School District shall be directed by their supervisor to remove any flags from classrooms, office spaces, or other areas within their control that do not meet the requirements of Idaho Code 33-143 and this policy.

c. Employees who refuse to comply with a directive by their supervisor to remove any such flag shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Board Policy 5240 Professional Conduct, including reporting violations to the Professional Standards Commission for certificated employees.

4. Definitions

a. Flag (or Banner): A piece of fabric, cloth, or similar material, designed to be hung, flown, or displayed, that bears a symbol, insignia, color scheme, wording, or image in representation of a nation, state, organization, institution, cause, or identity.

Note: This definition should be interpreted with regard to content and purpose, not just physical form. Items that function as symbolic displays, regardless of their size or method of display may also be subject to the provisions of this policy.

b. Hostile action: Any officially recognized act of military conflict, war, or armed aggression initiated or authorized by the United States government against a foreign nation, including declared wars, authorized use of military force, or active military operations conducted under the direction of the U.S. Department of Defense. Countries identified by the State Department as state sponsors of terrorism are also considered as being engaged in hostile action with the United States.

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Cross Reference:	Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem #2185
Legal Reference:	Idaho Code § 33-512(10) Governance of Schools
	Idaho Code § 33-1602 (2)(3) United States constitution, National Flag and Colors, National anthem, “America”, Citizenship, Civics test
	Idaho Code § 33-143 Display Of Flags And Banners On Public School Property
	36 U.S.C. §§ 172–180 Patriotic Customs