

CALEDONIA CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

CABOT SCHOOL

ADDENDUM TO POLICY C18

STUDENT SELF-EXPRESSION - FLAGS

Purpose

This addendum establishes the procedure and protocol for student expression through use of flags or other symbols displayed on Cabot School property.

Procedure

The flying of flags, or installation/display of expressive material, is subject to the following conditions:

1. Students have a right to express themselves on school property through speech or expressive actions, including the flying of flags, provided that such expression does not materially or substantially interfere with the orderly operation of the school and the rights of others. The underlying policy, and this addendum, prohibit student self-expression that:

- A. Is obscene, vulgar, or profane, or harms the reputation of others;
- B. Violates federal, state or local laws;
- C. Advocates the use or availability of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs;
- D. Incites violence; or
- E. Interferes with or advocates interference with the orderly operation of the schools.

2. Student expression outside of normal classroom activities, including flying of flags, or installation/display of expressive materials on the school campus, must rationally and substantially relate to educational goals developed through the following means:

- A. An independent course of study, approved and supervised by Cabot School faculty or staff; or
- B. A student lead, faculty or staff facilitated, effort to advance the goals of the Cabot School District's diversity, equity, and inclusion policy or continuous improvement plan.

3. A student, student group, or administration official acting on behalf of a student or student group may petition the School Board to approve the flying of a flag on the school flagpole or placement of a temporary installation/display on campus. The School Board may approve in whole or in part such requests, may delegate decision making to

the administration in whole or in part, or may deny requests consistent with law, this policy, and other Supervisory Union or District policies in effect at the time of the petition.

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*Cross References: C18: Student Self-Expression
A__: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*