Flags on School Property

Definitions—

A “flag” is a usually rectangular piece of fabric with a specific design that symbolizes a location, government entity, or cause. For a flag, “display” means to place it in a prominent location on District property where it is easily visible.

Utah Code § 63G-1-704(1) (2025)

Only Official Flags Permitted on School Property—

The only flags which may be displayed on school property are the flag of the United States of America (current or a historic version); the official Utah state flag (current or a historical version); the current official flag of another country or another state or of a political subdivision of another country or state; a flag that represents a Utah city, municipality, county, or political subdivision; a flag that represents a branch, unit, or division of the United States military; the National League of Families POW/MIA flag; a flag that represents an Indian tribe as defined in federal law; an officially licensed flag of a college or university depicting only the colors, logos, and marks consistent with official college or university branding; an official public school flag; an official flag of the United States Olympic Committee, United States Paralympic Committee, International Olympic Committee, or International Paralympic Committee; an official flag of an Olympiad or paralympiad that occurred or will occur within the state; or a flag of an organization authorized to use a District school facility (but only at the location and during the time that the organization is authorized to use the facility). The above-listed permitted flags may only be displayed without alterations in colors, symbols, or appearance. This prohibition applies to flags as such and does not extend to images of flags which may be contained in books or other printed materials or images of flags which may be depicted on items of personal apparel or personal property.

Utah Code § 63G-1-704(2), (3) (2025)

Source Traceability

Source	Use in this policy
2026 USBA Model Policies, GM - Flags on School Property.	Retained as the controlling model policy text and legal framework.

Source	Use in this policy
MSD Policy 5130, American Heritage in the Curriculum, approved 2022.	Reviewed for unique Millard value. Local flag display and maintenance provisions were inserted as GM-1 because they add local implementation detail not duplicated in the USBA model.

Disposition Note

USBA GM was retained as the controlling school-property flag policy. MSD Policy 5130, approved 2022, was reviewed. GM-1 preserves Millard's useful local requirement that each school display the American flag on a suitable flagpole, maintain the flag in a respectable condition, and permit display of the Utah State flag, while leaving the 2026 USBA official-flag limitation in control. Pledge of Allegiance and American heritage instruction language was not duplicated here because it remains placed under ECG - Curriculum: American Heritage.