

# Russia to Roll Out School Flag-Raising Ceremonies

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Russia will expand the practice of raising the national flag in schools from next month, its top education official [said](#) Monday.

The move comes amid a wider push to enshrine patriotic values in Russian schools in recent years.

Education and Science Minister Vladimir Kravtsov said that flag-raising ceremonies would be rolled out throughout Russia for the new school year that starts in September.

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Speaking at a televised briefing at the Kremlin, Kravstov said that the daily rituals would be “a good practice” and that “schoolchildren want to participate in an important and significant

event.”

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A law introduced last year requires Russian children to be taught patriotism and military history in school.

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