

Instruction

Assemblies, Ceremonies and Programs

Assemblies must be approved by the Superintendent or building principal and be consistent with the District's educational objectives.

The District shall not endorse or otherwise promote invocations, benedictions, and group prayers at any school assembly, ceremony, or other school-sponsored activity.

Ceremonies and programs will be scheduled to the extent possible outside of the instructional day so as to promote parent and community involvement. Ceremonies or programs held during the instructional day will ***not*** be scheduled during the first two or last two weeks of the school year.

LEGAL REF.: Lee v. Weisman, 112 S.Ct. 2649 (1992).
Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe, 120 S.Ct. 2266 (2000).
Jones v. Clear Creek Independent School District, 977 F.2d 963 (5th Cir., 1992),
reh'g denied, 983 F.2d 234 (5th Cir., 1992) and *cert. denied*, 113 S.Ct. 2950
(1993).

CROSS REF.: 6:70 (Teaching About Religion), 6:80 (Teaching About Controversial Issues)

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