

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLIDAYS REGULATIONS

- 1.0 The Board of Education approves the following regulations in support of celebrating holidays in its school system:
 - 1.1. Holidays, which have a religious origin, may be acknowledged in the public schools.
 - 1.2. The historical and contemporary values and the origin of those holidays may be explained in an unbiased and objective manner without sectarian indoctrination.
 - 1.3. Music, art, literature, and drama, having religious themes or basis, will be permitted as part of the curricula for school-sponsored activities and programs, if presented in an objective manner.
 - 1.3.a. The duration of such programs and activities, which should be linked to the school's curriculum, should not exceed a period of time equivalent to the academic value of the program or activity.
 - 1.3.b. Activities, including a party-like celebration, should not exceed one hour at the end of the session on the identified day.
 - 1.4. Symbols that are a part of a religion are permitted provided such symbols are displayed as examples of the cultural and religious heritage of the holiday and are temporary in nature.
 - 1.5. Symbols that are a part of religious holiday, but have acquired a secular meaning are permitted.
 - 1.6. Acknowledgement of a holiday will emphasize the historical, cultural, and social value of the holiday and the associated religion and will not be used to endorse any religion or holiday.

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