

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Constitution and Citizenship Day.

In accordance with federal law, the District shall offer an education program(s) each year on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day to commemorate the September 17, 1787 signing of the United States Constitution and recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish administrative guidelines ensuring that the District observes Constitution Day and Citizenship Day properly and, in a manner, befitting the importance of the event.

During the weeks of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the District will devote time for exercises of a patriotic nature, including a discussion of the words, meaning, and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Every school shall establish a period of time during each school day for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Pupil participation shall be voluntary. Pupils who do not participate in the recitation may sit or stand as they choose, but shall respect the rights of those pupils electing to participate.

General John Stark Day.

New Hampshire observes General John Stark day on the second Monday in April. Schools in the District shall commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities.

Legal References:

RSA 4:13-I, General John Stark Day

RSA 189:18, Patriotic Exercises

RSA 194:15-c, New Hampshire School Patriot Act

36 U.S.C. § 106, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

Section 111 of Division J of Public Law 108-447 (2004)

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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