

## PROCEDURE - CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES

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The principal shall be responsible for the formulation of rules and procedures governing the conduct and safety of all participants. The principal shall have the authority to schedule appropriate school facilities and to provide appropriate staff for the conduct of celebrations and observances. School-sponsored celebrations and observances which take place outside school facilities must be approved by the Superintendent. Students shall be held responsible for compliance with rules set forth in advance for celebrations and observances. Infractions of those rules shall be subject to the same corrective action or punishment as is applied during the regular school program.

The name of the school cannot be used by groups of pupils or others in connection with private picnics. Class funds, as well as clubs or other school group funds, may not be used for private picnics or parties.

Chaperoning of private picnics or parties should not be assumed by school employees where such an action might create the impression that the school is the sponsor of the affair.

Celebrations and observances conducted during the school day shall be under the control of the District. Such events shall neither inhibit or advance religion. Programs that convey a religious or devotional message are prohibited, including, but not limited to, presentations by persons who identify themselves as religious believers and extol the benefits of religious beliefs. This prohibition does not preclude the presentation of musical or dramatic programs which may include selections having a religious origin or significance as part of a balanced program.

Gift exchanges in the observance and/or celebration of a religious holiday are prohibited as a part of any curricular or co-curricular activity.

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