

Instruction

Assemblies and Ceremonies

The School Board supports the presentation of assemblies for the students, providing each assembly is approved by the Superintendent or designee and is consistent with the District's educational objectives.

Care shall be taken that holiday observances are conducted with sensitivity for the beliefs of students and staff members. Students and staff members may be excused from attending and/or participating in such programs when their personal beliefs conflict with these observances. The District shall consider the appropriateness of the time spent in preparing and presenting such programs.

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

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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)