

Instruction

Assemblies and Ceremonies

Assemblies must be approved by the Superintendent or designee 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. Students may be excused from attending and/or participating in such programs when their personal beliefs conflict with these observances.

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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