

Instruction

Assemblies and Special Events

The Board of Education believes that assemblies and special events should promote a positive school climate and be related to the District's educational program. Assemblies may provide information that supplements the District's curriculum or may showcase student achievement in academics, athletics, music, art, drama, or other extracurricular or cocurricular activities.

Prior approval of assemblies or speakers must be obtained by the principal. The principal shall use their professional judgement to ensure that the subject matter and performances featured in school assemblies and special events are carefully selected and suitable for the age and maturity of the students. The principal shall consult with the Superintendent or designee as necessary to determine the appropriateness of the subject matter, guest speakers, and/or related instructional materials or resources. Prospective speakers shall agree to present material of educational relevance that is appropriate to the maturity of the audience, demonstrates respect for others and diverse points of view, and ability to engage in civilized discourse with no statements that are obscene, vulgar, or that incite violence.

The principal shall schedule assemblies and special events so as to maximize the effectiveness of instructional time and to satisfy the requirements of law and negotiated agreements.

Students shall be informed of appropriate conduct expected during assemblies and special events and the importance of, and how to demonstrate, being courteous and respectful of the performers and speakers. During the assembly, students shall show respect to all performers and speakers. Students who disrupt the program shall lose the privilege of attending the assembly/special event and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 37200-37202; 37220-37223; 46010; 46100; 48980; 51202; 51240; 51513; 51930-51939

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