

## SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

At the beginning of the first period each morning, the Pledge of Allegiance will be read. 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.

During the weeks in which federal or state holidays fall, observances honoring these events shall be conducted as prescribed by law or the School Board.

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. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish administrative guidelines ensuring that the District observes Constitution Day/ Citizenship Day properly and in a manner befitting the importance of the event.

### **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 Reference:**

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

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