

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students join together to celebrate events of cultural or historical significance or to acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals. Besides helping students to appreciate their pluralistic heritage, holidays, ceremonies and observances can enhance their sense of community, instill pride in our country, and contribute to a positive school climate.

At all schools in the Monrovia Unified School District, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited each day, and an additional patriotic exercise activity may also be conducted. On days designated by the Board, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship in a democratic society.

The Board encourages the participation of all district staff and students in patriotic exercises. The Board also respects the First Amendment right of individuals, both staff and students, to choose to participate or to not participate in the salute to the flag for personal reasons. Individuals who choose not to participate shall respect the right of the participants by remaining quiet and non-disruptive.

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