



## INSTRUCTION: Schedules

Commemorations and Observances

## I. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) requires the commemoration and observance of certain days and events when required by law or when identified by the Board as a day of national significance. Commemoration of special days and events shall be arranged so the observation of these occasions enriches the instructional program.

## II. Standards

- A. Schools shall devote a part of the school day by conducting appropriate commemoration and/or observance exercises in recognition of the following:
1. Columbus Day;
  2. Veteran's Day;
  3. Lincoln's Birthday;
  4. Washington's Birthday;
  5. Arbor Day;
  6. D-Day;
  7. Pearl Harbor Day;
  8. Patriot Day; and
  9. Other days of national significance.
- B. The Superintendent shall determine which additional dates shall be designated for special observance exercises.
- C. Students shall be encouraged to develop and take part in commemoration and/or observance exercises held in connection with any days provided for in subparagraph II(A).
- D. Any student or staff member who wishes to be excused from participation in any commemoration and/or observance exercises permitted in this paragraph shall be excused.

## III. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-103, Required School Days and Holidays*

Related Policy: Board of Education Policy 6301, *School Calendar*

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