

Concord School District Policy #642
Opening Exercises and Patriotic Exercises

When opening exercises are held, they will include a salute to the flag which may be followed by a moment of silent meditation.

In accordance with federal law, the School District shall offer an education program(s) each year, during the week of September 17, 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 properly and in a manner befitting the importance of the event.

Further, during the weeks of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the District will devote time to exercises of a patriotic nature, including a discussion of the words, meaning and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

New Hampshire observes General John Stark Day on the second Monday in April. The District may commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities.

Legal References:

[RSA 189:18, Patriotic Exercises](#)

[Section 111 of Division J of Public Law 108-447 \(2004\)](#)

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