

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVATIONS

Holidays and special events may be recognized in the district's schools so long as such recognition respects the rights and feelings of others and is consistent with law and Board-approved curriculum.

In accordance with the Board-approved Holiday Curriculum, appropriate recognition shall be given in all schools for:

- A. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday;
- B. Lincoln's Birthday;
- C. Washington's Birthday;
- D. Memorial Day;
- E. Columbus Day;
- F. Veterans' Day;
- G. Thanksgiving Day; and
- H. Other designated holidays.

Suitable exercises will be conducted for holidays as required by state law and administrative code. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to conduct school observances in commemoration of other persons and events of special historical significance.

Pupils shall be encouraged to develop and/or take part in events and activities in connection with special "days" and "weeks" proclaimed by the nation, state or community.

In the Holmdel Township Public Schools, the morning opening exercises will include the pledge of allegiance. Those pupils who have religious or conscientious objections may be excused from participating, but must not disrupt the exercises.

Assembly programs are considered an integral and necessary part of the school's curriculum. Pupils will be encouraged to cooperate with assembly guidelines and take part in the educational and entertainment atmosphere of the programs.

