

**ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Board of Trustees believes that assemblies and special events should promote a positive school climate. Assemblies should be designed to emphasize cooperation and similarities among students rather than competition and differences between students of diverse backgrounds. In addition, showcasing student achievement in academics, athletics, music, art, drama or other such activities can provide many students with self-esteem and an incentive to be in school.

The principal or designee shall ensure that the speakers and community resources featured in school assemblies and special events are carefully selected and balanced. Prospective speakers shall agree that they will present material of educational relevance that is appropriate to the maturity of the audience, with no statements that are obscene, vulgar or that incite violence. Assemblies may express seasonal themes that are not religious in nature.

The principal or designee shall schedule assemblies and special events so as to minimize disruptions and meet the requirements of law and negotiated agreements. The principal or designee may limit the number of such events whenever they encroach upon or do not support the instructional program.

The Board prohibits assemblies and special events that include the following activities: