

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF EDUCATION SERVICES
Policies and Procedures**

SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND TRADITIONS

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PURPOSE:

To establish parameters for certain school activities

POLICY:

The Office of Education Services encourages students and staff to celebrate school traditions; however, in matters related to religion, schools must remain neutral. Schools and school employees are encouraged to promote understanding of religious diversity, a spirit of brotherhood and harmony among persons of various religious beliefs, but the effect of any activity must neither advance nor inhibit religion.