

Required Observances (Veteran's Day, Constitution Day, Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, Disability History Month)

Principals will be responsible for the preparation and presentation of educational activities of approximately sixty minutes in duration in observance of Veteran's Day. The program will be conducted to coincide with the observance of Veteran's Day.

Constitution Day will be observed each year on September 17 in commemoration of the September 17, 1787 signing of the United States Constitution. If September 17 occurs on a non-school day, Constitution Day will be conducted on the preceding Friday.

Temperance and Good Citizenship Day will be observed on January 16 or, if on a non-school day, the Friday preceding January 16. Many school districts recognize Temperance Day by discussing temperance in connection with good citizenship, specifically addressing self-restraint. This idea of self-restraint is closely tied with many of the activities associated with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For example, a district may choose to discuss the accomplishments of peaceful, non-violent protests in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. With the 2013 addition, schools are asked to provide eligible students with the opportunity to register to vote.

Disability History Month will be observed during the month of October by conducting or promoting educational activities such as school assemblies or guest speaker presentations that provide instruction, awareness and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities.

Legal References

RCW 28A.230.160 Educational activities in observance of Veterans' Day.
RCW 28A.230.158 Disability history month — Activities.
RCW 28A.230.150 Temperance and Good Citizenship Day — Aids in programming
36 U.S.C. 106 Constitution and Citizenship Day

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