

SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

The Acton Public Schools and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts observe the establishment clause of the first amendment to the Constitution which guarantees both the separation of church and state and also the right of an individual to free speech. The School Committees understand that there can be a tension between these two parts of the first amendment. The schools must also respect the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In addition, we recognize that in any group there are diverse cultural, ethnic, religious and social traditions which should be understood through educational practice. We shall recognize and honor our differences, not ignore them. Students and staff will be encouraged to appreciate and accept ethnic and religious diversity. We shall be respectful of the beliefs and practices of others

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