

Haverhill School Committee
Policy IMD

SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Haverhill School Committee acknowledges those provisions of the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and laws appertaining to each regarding the separation of church and state. In the spirit of that acknowledgement, schools shall refrain from presentations or displays which might be interpreted as promoting a particular religious point-of-view in the devotional sense.

As a part of the Instructional program, religious topics may only be addressed as an element of a subject discipline (e.g., history, literature) in a manner which is secular. No effort shall be made to present religious information, or perspectives, in a manner designed to persuade, or proselytize.

Schools may conduct seasonal music programs, not for their religious content, but rather as a means of familiarizing students with cultural features of their peers.