POLICY CODE: 323.1

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE DAYS

The School District of Wauzeka-Steuben:

- Respect the religious beliefs of all students and staff;
- Expect no student or staff to participate in an activity or performance with religious content that might cause the student or staff member discomfort;
- Recognize that some observances, events or traditional ceremonies have religious meaning for some people and a broader cultural meaning for others;
- Recognize the importance of providing opportunities within the curriculum, and other school
 events, for teachers and students to discuss, learn about and take part in the customs and traditions
 of various cultures. Traditional holidays observed in the community are important and may be
 included in school activities to the extent that the above statements are taken into account and
 honored.

Teachers may be asked to recognize the special observance days through incorporation of appropriate activities in their classrooms, unless a general program is given by the school (e.g. all school assembly)

Such activities may include:

- 1. Part of a class discussion
- 2. Displays and posters
- 3. Outside speakers or organizations presenting
- 4. Special reports by students
- 5. Innovative programs devised by the teachers and students
- 6. Information presented in the District newsletter

If any such day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the observance shall be on a school day immediately preceding or following such a day.

Legal References: 188.02, Wisconsin State Statute 118.025

Cross References:

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