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**603.02 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES**

Schools shall discourage programs and festivities arranged to celebrate holidays and other special days, and shall strive to eliminate them, except where such observances are required by law. On Martin Luther King's birthday, Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, and Veterans' Day at least one hour of the school program shall be devoted to a patriotic observance of the day. Required programs for observances shall be simple in nature and the natural outgrowth of the instructional program.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

Minn. Stat. § 120A.42

**CROSS REFERENCES:**

503.00, Attendance: Absences and Excuses for Religious Holidays and Observances  
609.00, Religion