



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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 State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
 State Superintendent of Education

RE: Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

On September 17, 2020, the citizens of this great nation will again proudly salute the United States Constitution as the oldest national constitution still in existence and a milestone in the protection of our individual freedoms. The purpose of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is to commemorate the creation and signing of the supreme law of the land and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U. S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens. Public Law 108-447, signed into law in 2004, requires all educational institutions that receive federal funds hold an educational program relevant to the Constitution each year on September 17. If the date falls on a weekend or on a holiday, schools must schedule a program immediately before or after that date. The date of the fulfillment of this requirement will be included as a part of the Alabama State Department of Education's comprehensive monitoring program.

Please join in the observance of this day on Thursday, September 17, 2020, by having your students observe this important day in our nation's history by participating in learning activities. To further assist you with the implementation of this requirement, the following links are provided with resources and lesson plans:

This list of resources is not exhaustive nor is it meant as an endorsement of any particular site or product. It is hoped that this will provide some helpful information that may be of use to your teachers. For more information, please contact Ms. Nettie Carson-Mullins at (334) 694-4768 or via email at ncarson-mullins@alsde.edu.

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