

"Constitution and Citizenship Day"

In compliance with the Department of Education:

The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement announces that, pursuant to legislation passed by Congress, "Educational institutions receiving Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education (Department) of a new statutory requirement for implementation of an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution, on a date designated by statute as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day ("Constitution Day"). Notice of Implementation of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17 of Each Year, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005," Dec. 8, 2004; 118 Stat. 2809, 3344-45 (Section 111)."

Section 111 applies to all educational institutions receiving Federal funding, not only those receiving Federal funding from the Department. However, the Department's authority only extends to those educational institutions receiving funding from the Department, and consequently the Department can only regulate with regard to those institutions. Section 111 requires that Constitution Day be held on September 17 of each year, commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution. However, when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week.

IAIA participates by having a Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on or around the September 17 date.