

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
HEAD START
HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES POLICY

Recognition and celebration of holidays should be ethically relevant and community based. Activities should be developmentally appropriate and inclusive of all children and families.

- 1) A maximum of five classroom days per event may be devoted to, but is not required for cultural customs i.e., Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Vigilante Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Last Chance Stampede, Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.

- 2) A maximum of eight classroom days may be devoted to Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanza celebrations.

- 3) Special observances, parties, i.e., Halloween and costumes, Santa Day, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, will be:
 - i. Parent driven
 - ii. Held outside program hours

Head Start will support parent efforts in these activities by providing space; administrative, classroom and transportation staff support as appropriate; as well as other resources, within budget constraints. Head Start encourages celebrations that are not holiday driven such as moving-on celebrations.