



NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOPE OF AMERICA CONSENT FORM

Fifth grade students at _____ Elementary School have the opportunity to participate in the Hope of America program to be held on _____, _____, 20__ at _____ p.m., located at the BYU Marriott Center in Provo, Utah.

Hope of America

1. Hope of America is designed to promote students' understanding of American heritage, significant national documents, and important rights and responsibilities of citizens.
2. Hope of America is sponsored and conducted by America's Freedom Festival at Provo, a private, non-profit organization.
3. Hope of America will be held at the Marriott Center in Provo, Utah, which is on the campus of Brigham Young University, a private university owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
4. Hope of America consists of the following activities, events, and performances:
 - A. In preparation for Hope of America, teachers may use a portion of the class time to instruct students on patriotic songs and/or dances that will be performed at the Hope of America evening program. The dress rehearsal may also be held during school hours at the Marriott Center in Provo, Utah. The Hope of America evening program will be held after school hours.
 - B. Students will be transported to the dress rehearsal at the Marriott Center by school bus. However, transportation to the Hope of America evening program will be the responsibility of the individual student's parent/legal guardian.
 - C. At the beginning and/or end of the Hope of America evening program, a prayer may be offered by a community leader. These prayers are not sponsored by Nebo School District and are neither approved nor disapproved by the school district.
 - D. Hope of America includes singing and dancing performances by the students, interspersed with spoken narration. Hope of America has an overall patriotic theme which focuses on the founding of the United States, the diversity of its citizens, the freedoms and rights that people in the United States enjoy, and emphasizes that our nation's children are its greatest resource. Hope of America does include some references to God, heaven, and religion, which are primarily in the lyrics of the songs performed.
5. In order for your student to participate in Hope of America and its preparatory activities, your written consent as parent/legal guardian on this form is required. In addition, if you wish for your student to participate in the Hope of America evening program, you must complete the accompanying form provided by America's Freedom Festival at Provo wherein you can purchase a t-shirt for your student, order an optional DVD of the performance, and give consent for the possible film recording and broadcasting of your student's image during the performance. Please know that these items are purchased directly through America's Freedom Festival at Provo and are not considered school fees. Accordingly, all checks shall be made payable to "America's Freedom Festival at Provo."
6. Participation in Hope of America and its preparatory activities are completely optional. No student will be penalized for not participating, but will be provided appropriate alternative educational studies and activities during the school day when class time is utilized for the preparatory activities. These alternative educational studies and activities may include American history, constitutional studies, etc.