

## Constitution Day

All higher education institutions that receive federal funds from the Department of Education are required to implement an educational program relating to the United States Constitution on September 17, 2005, and every subsequent year. The full text of the authorizing legislation can be found in Section 111 of Division J of Pub. L. 108-447, the "[Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005](#)," Dec. 8, 2004; 118 Stat. 2809, 3344-45 (Section 111).

This day will be known as "Constitution Day" to honor the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. The legislation authorizing this Day states, "Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year should hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution." Should September 17 fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, educational institutions should celebrate "Constitution Day" the preceding or following week.