

## Constitution Day

On May 25, 2005, the U.S. Department of Education released a Notice of Implementation announcing that all educational institutions receiving federal funding must provide an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution on September 17th of each year, commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution.

Senator Robert C. Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat and the United States Congress unofficial constitutional scholar, believes that American primary, secondary, and post-secondary students lack significant knowledge regarding the United States Constitution. In December 2004, Senator Byrd offered an amendment that was passed by both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate in an attempt to increase Constitutional knowledge.

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