



# I3: Inclusive, Inquiry-Based Social Studies for Illinois

## Illinois Commemorative Days



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## **Commemorative Holidays ([Illinois Compiled Statutes \(ILCS\), Sec 24.-2.c](#))**

Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities, or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays are:

- January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali),
- January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a commemoration of space exploration),
- February 15 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony),
- March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans' Day),
- September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance),
- the school day immediately preceding Veterans' Day (Korean War Veterans' Day),
- October 1 (Recycling Day),
- October 7 (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day),
- December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' Day),
- and any day so appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable.

School boards shall include instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events on the commemorative holiday or at any other time during the school year and at any point in the curriculum when such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of Education shall prepare and make available to school boards instructional materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events which may be used by school boards in conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph.