



## **Provo City 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 \_\_\_\_\_, April \_\_\_\_, 2015 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 Provo City School District and is neither approved nor disapproved by the Provo City 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.

7. For additional information concerning Hope of America, please consult their website at <http://www.freedomfestival.org> or contact them by telephone at (801) 818-1772.

Consent to Participate

The undersigned parent/legal guardian understands, acknowledges, and agrees:

1. The safety and well-being of students is our greatest concern at Provo City School District, and every reasonable effort is made to ensure that the Hope of America activities are conducted in a safe manner. However, as with all activities, there are certain unavoidable, unpredictable, and inherent risks and dangers that no amount of care, caution, or instruction can eliminate.
2. That I fully understand the nature of the Hope of America program and its preparatory activities.
3. That my student is expected, and has been instructed by me:
  - A. To follow all instructions given by school supervisors.
  - B. Not to leave or separate from the group without appropriate authorization from a school supervisor.
  - C. To follow all Provo City School District policies and to comply with all laws and ordinances.
  - D. To follow all school rules as they are considered applicable during the Hope of America activities.
  - E. To conform with usual and customary standards of good citizenship, good decorum, and common courtesy.
3. That Provo City School District does not carry any medical insurance coverage relative to the Hope of America activities or for injuries to my student.
4. That if my student has disabilities or requires special accommodations, those accommodations and instructions are attached to this form.
5. That if any emergency medical procedures or treatment are required for my student during the Hope of America activities, I understand that the school will make reasonable efforts to contact me. In the meantime, I consent to the school supervisor(s) taking, arranging for, and consenting to the procedures or treatment for my student in the supervisor's discretion. I will pay all costs of any such medical procedures or treatment.

I understand and agree to the foregoing provisions contained in this "Hope of America Consent Form," and give consent and permission for my student to participate in the Hope of America program and its preparatory activities.

DATED AND SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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**Student's Name (Please Print)**

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**Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian**

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**Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name (Please Print)**