

Instruction
CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

BP 6115

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural or historical significance, and acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. On days designated by the Board, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship in a democratic society.

District schools shall be closed on the holidays specified in Education Code 37220 and on any other day designated as a holiday by the Board. The Board may, by adoption of a resolution, revise the date upon which schools close in observance of any holiday except Veterans Day, which shall be celebrated on its actual date. (Education Code 37220)

In addition, the Board may, through the adoption of a resolution, authorize the display of symbolic flags or banners in support of specific awareness months.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

Ed. Code 37220-37222.21 Holidays and commemorative events

Ed. Code 44015.1 Week of the School Administrator

Ed. Code 45203 Paid holidays

Ed. Code 45460 Classified School Employee Week

Ed. Code 52720-52730 Patriotic exercises and instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

Gov. Code 3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations

Gov. Code 430-439 Display of flags

UNITED STATES CODE

36 USC 106 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

4 USC 6 Time and occasion for display of flag

4 USC 7 Position and manner of display of flag

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

Court Decision - Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District (9th Cir. 2010) 597 F.3d 1007

Court Decision - West Virginia State Board of Education et al. v. Barnette et al. (1943) 319 U.S. 624

Website - CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website - California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials

Website - CSBA

CROSS REFERENCES

Code - Description

1330 - Use Of School Facilities

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4156.2 - Awards And Recognition

Policy
adopted: 10/5/2023

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4256.2 - Awards And Recognition

4356.2 - Awards And Recognition

6111 - School Calendar

6117 - Year-Round Schedules

6141.2 - Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs

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6142.3 - Civic Education

6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes

6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction

6144 - Controversial Issues

6145.8 - Assemblies And Special Events