

Policy 6115: Ceremonies And Observances

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

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 37220 lists holidays on which district schools must be closed. See the accompanying administrative regulation. Pursuant to Education Code 37220, the Governing Board may designate any other day as a holiday.

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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

- Ed. Code 37220-37222.21
- Ed. Code 44015.1
- Ed. Code 45203
- Ed. Code 45460
- Ed. Code 49110.5
- Ed. Code 52720-52730
- Gov. Code 3540-3549.3
- Gov. Code 430-439

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- [Classified School Employee Week](#)
- [Workplace Readiness Week](#)
- [Patriotic exercises and instruction](#)
- [Public education employer-employee relations](#)
- [Display of flags](#)

Federal References

- 36 USC 106
- 4 USC 6
- 4 USC 7

Description

- [Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#)
- [Time and occasion for display of flag](#)
- [Position and manner of display of flag](#)

Management Resources References

- Court Decision
- Court Decision
- Website
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- [Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District \(9th Cir. 2010\) 597 F.3d 1007](#)
- [West Virginia State Board of Education et al. v. Barnette et al. \(1943\) 319 U.S. 624](#)
- [CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)
- [California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials](#)
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