

Instruction

Ceremonies and Observances

The Board of Education 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, Sections 37220-37222.20; 44015.1; 45203; 45460;  
52720-52730  
Government Code, Sections 430-439; 3540-3549.3  
United States Code, Title 4, Sections 6 and 7  
United States Code, Title 36, Sections 106; 106 (Note Educational  
program on the U.S. Constitution)  
Court Decisions:  
Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District, 597 F.3d 1007, 1012 (9th  
Cir. 2010)  
West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al (1943) 319  
U.S. 624

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