

**CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of having students join together to observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural or historical significance, or to acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. Besides helping students to appreciate their pluralistic heritage, holidays, ceremonies and observances can enhance their sense of community, instill pride in our country, and contribute to a positive school climate. 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.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

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.

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

37220-37222.20 Holidays and commemorative events

44015.1 Week of the school administrator

45203 Paid holidays

45460 Classified employee week

52720-52730 Patriotic exercises-and instruction

**GOVERNMENT CODE**

430-439 Display of flags

3540-3549.3 Meeting and negotiating

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 4**

6 Time and occasion for display of flag

7 Position and manner of display of flag

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 36**

106 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

106 Note Educational program on the U.S. Constitution

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COURT DECISIONS

Endow 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, 319 U.S. 624 (1943)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im>

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