

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

Holidays

District schools shall be closed on the following holidays: (Education Code 37220)

~~The Board, by adoption of a resolution, may revise the date upon which district schools close in observance of any of these holidays except Veterans Day, which must be celebrated on its actual date.~~

New Year's Day	January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Third Monday in January or the Monday or Friday of the week in which January 15 occurs
Lincoln Day	The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs
Washington Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth National Independence Day	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	The Thursday in November designated by the President
Christmas Day	December 25

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

In addition, ~~the District has reached agreement with the District employee organizations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3 to close schools in observance of the following holidays:~~ schools shall be closed on: (Education Code 37220)

1. Any day appointed by the Governor as a holiday or as a special or limited holiday on which the Governor provides that schools shall close
2. Any day appointed by the President as a holiday, including by executive order or by signing into law legislation that creates a nationwide federal holiday
3. Any other day designated as a holiday by the Board of Trustees and/or negotiated with employee organizations

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Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be observed the preceding Friday. If any of the above holidays occur under federal law on a date different from that indicated above, the Board of Trustees may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above. (Education Code 37220)

~~Special Days, Which May be Observed with Suitable exercises~~

School Board Recognition Month	January
Week of the School Administrator	First full week of March (Education Code 44015.1)
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31 (Education code 37220.
California Poppy Day	April 6 (Education Code 37222)
John Muir Day	April 21 (Education Code 37222)
Cinco de Mayo	May 5
Day of the Teacher	Second Wednesday in May (Education Code 37222)
Native American Day	Fourth Friday in September (Education Code 37220.7)
Bill of Rights Day	December 15 (SCR 82)

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~~(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)~~

Commemorative Exercises

District schools shall hold exercises in accordance with law to commemorate the following special days: (Education Code 37220, 37221, 45460, 49110.5)

U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day	On or near September 17
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -	The Friday before the day schools are closed for this holiday

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Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	The school day before the day schools are closed for this holiday
Susan B. Anthony Day	February 15
George Washington's Birthday	The Friday preceding the third Monday in February
Black American Day	March 5
Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day	March 7
Workplace Readiness Week	The week that includes April 28
U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day	On or near September 17
Classified Employee Week	Third week in May

Commemorative exercises shall be integrated into the regular educational program ~~to the extent feasible~~ as required by law.:-

(cf. 6142.94—History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3—Civic Education)

Patriotic Exercises

Each school shall conduct patriotic exercises daily. These patriotic exercises shall consist of the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance **to the Flag of the United States and/or instruction** ~~and may also include instruction~~ that promotes understanding of the concepts of "pledge," "allegiance," "republic," and "indivisible" and understanding of the importance of the pledge as an expression of patriotism, love of country, and pride in the United States. (Education Code 52720, 52730)

At elementary schools, such exercises shall be conducted at the beginning of each school day. (Education Code 52720)

At secondary schools, such exercises shall be conducted during the **time** designated by the school principal ~~period~~.

~~Individuals~~ **A student** may choose not to participate in the flag salute **or Pledge of Allegiance** for personal reasons.

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)**Display of Flag**

The flag of the United States and the flag of California shall be displayed during business hours at the entrance or on the grounds of every District school and on or near the District office. At all times, the national flag shall be placed in the position of first honor. (Government Code 431, 436; 4 USC 6)

When displayed on a building or on a flagstaff in the open, the national flag shall be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather unless an all-weather flag is used. (4 USC 6)

The national flag shall fly at half-staff on the following occasions: (4 USC 7)

1. For 30 days from the death of the President or a former President
2. For 10 days from the death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3. From the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a secretary of an executive or military department, former Vice President, or the Governor of a state
4. On the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress
5. On Memorial Day, until noon only
6. On Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), unless it falls on Armed Forces Day
7. Upon a proclamation from the Governor in the event of the death of a present or former official of the state government or, a member of the Armed Forces from the state who has died while serving on active duty, **or the death of a first responder working in the state who dies while serving in the line of duty**
8. On other occasions by order of the President and in accordance with presidential instructions or orders

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

Ed. Code 37220-37222.21
Ed. Code 44015.1
Ed. Code 45203
Ed. Code 45460
Ed. Code 49110.5

DESCRIPTION

Holidays and commemorative events
Week of School Administrator
Paid Holidays
Classified School Employee Week
Workplace Readiness Week

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Ed. Code 52720-52730

Gov. Code 3540-3549.3

Gov. Code 430-439

Patriotic exercises and instruction

Public education employer-employee relations

Display of Flags

FEDERAL

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

Court Decision

DESCRIPTIONNewdow 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 – CODES

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