

**CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**

The Boards of Trustees recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural, ~~or~~ 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.

District schools shall be closed for 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)

**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  
 Ed. Code 52720-52730  
 Gov. Code 3540-3549.3  
 Gov. Code 430-439

**DESCRIPTION**

Holidays and Commemorative events  
 Week of the School Administrator  
 Paid Holidays  
 Classified School Employee Week  
 Workplace Readiness Week  
 Patriotic exercised 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 flags  
 Position and manner of display of flag

**MANAGEMENT RESOURCES**

Court Decision

**DESCRIPTION**

Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District (9<sup>th</sup> 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

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**CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES (continued)**

<b>CROSS REFERENCES-CODES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1330	Use Of School Facilities
4156.2	Awards And Recognition
4256.2	Awards And Recognition
5113.2	Work Permits
6111	School Calendar
6117	Year-Round Schedules
6141.2	Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs
6142.3	Civic Education
6142.4	Service Learning/Community Service Class
6142.94	History-Social Science Instruction
6143	Courses of Study
6144	Controversial Issues
6145.8	Assemblies And Special Events
6178.1	Word-Based Learning

*(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—Learning Through Community Service)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*37220-37223 Saturdays and holidays*

*44015.1 Week of the School Administrator*

*45203 Paid holidays*

*45460 Classified Employee Week*

*52720 Daily performance of patriotic exercises in public schools*

*52730 Patriotic exercises, daily 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 Note Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.*

COURT DECISIONS

*West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al, 319 U.S. 624 (1943)*

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Constitution Day: New Mandate for Districts Receiving Federal Funds, CSBA Advisory, August 2005-*

FEDERAL REGISTER

*70 Fed. Reg. 29727 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (2005).*

WEB SITES

*CSBA: <http://www.esba.org>*

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

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