

## Instruction

### CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

BP 6115 (a)

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of having students **observe holidays**, ~~join together to celebrate events of cultural or historical significance, or to~~ **and** 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)

~~(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)~~

**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

~~37220-37223~~ **37222.20** ~~Saturdays and holidays~~ **Holidays and commemorative events**

44015.1 Week of the school administrator

45203 Paid holidays, **classified employees**

45460 Classified **School e**Employee ~~w~~**Week**

~~52720-52730~~ **Daily performance of p**~~Patriotic exercises and instruction in public schools~~

##### 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**

## **CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES, continued**

BP 6115 (b)

Legal Reference, continued:

### **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, 319 U.S. 624 (1943)

Management Resources:

### **WEB SITES**

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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

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

Policy

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