

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Governing Board 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.

Patriotic Exercises

The Board of Trustees encourages activities that instill pride in our country.

The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited, or patriotic exercises conducted each day.

The District respects the legal right of individuals not to participate in the salute to the flag for personal reasons.

Commemorative Exercises

The District shall commemorate the following:

January

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

Black History Month

National School Counseling Week

March

Cesar Chavez Day

Women's History Month

April

Public Schools Month

National Library Week

National Adult Education Week

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May

Day of the Teacher

Classified Employee Week

October

National Hispanic Month

Holidays

January

New Year's Day

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

Lincoln Day

President's Day

April

Spring Holiday

May

Memorial Day

July

Independence Day - July 4

September

Labor Day

November

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day

December

Christmas Day

The Board of Trustees may, by adoption of a resolution, revise the date upon which district schools close in observance of any of the above holidays.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37220-37222.18 Holidays and commemorative events

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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.csba.org>

California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im>

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