

Ceremonies & Observances

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, join together to celebrate events of cultural or historical significance or present-day significance, and to 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.

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 for Veterans Day and Juneteenth.

Education Code 37220 specifies that:

- If Veterans Day or Juneteenth falls on a Saturday: The holiday is observed on the preceding Friday.
- If Veterans Day or Juneteenth falls on a Sunday: The holiday is observed on the following Monday.

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.

Legal References:

STATE

EDUCATION CODE

37220-37222.21 Holidays and commemorative events

44015.1 Week of the School Administrator

45203 Paid holidays

45460 Classified School Employee Week

49110.5 Workplace Readiness Week

52720-52730 Patriotic exercises and instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations

430-439 Display of flags

FEDERAL

UNITED STATES CODE

36 USC 106 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

4 USC 6 Time and occasion for display of flag

4 USC 7 Position and manner of display of flag

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

COURT DECISIONS

Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District (9th Cir. 2010) 597 F.3d 1007

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 <https://legalservices.csba.org/>

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