

Policy 6115: Ceremonies And Observances**Original Adopted Date: 2/14/2024**

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.

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.

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 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](#)[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

Court Decision

Website

Description

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

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

Website	California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Code	Description
1330	Use Of School Facilities
1330	Use Of School Facilities
4156.2	Awards And Recognition
4256.2	Awards And Recognition
4356.2	Awards And Recognition
6111	School Calendar
6117	Year-Round Schedules
6141.2	Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs
6141.2	Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs
6142.3	Civic Education
6142.4	Service Learning/Community Service Classes
6142.94	History-Social Science Instruction
6144	Controversial Issues
6145.8	Assemblies And Special Events