Policy 6115: Ceremonies And Observances

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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	Description
Ed. Code 37220-37222.21	Holidays and commemorative events
Ed. Code 44015.1	Week of the School Administrator
Ed. Code 45203	Paid holidays
Ed. Code 45460	Classified School Employee Week
Ed. Code 52720-52730	Patriotic exercises and instruction
Gov. Code 3540-3549.3	Public education employer-employee relations
Gov. Code 430-439	Display of flags

Federal	Description
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	Description
Court Decision	Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District (9th 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	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