

**Policy 6115: Ceremonies And Observances**

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The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural, historical, or present day significance, and acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. On days designated by the Board, and as required by law, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises and educational experiences 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.

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**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 49110.5

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](#)

[Workplace Readiness 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**

**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	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA</a>

## Cross References

Code	Description
1330	<a href="#">Use Of School Facilities</a>
1330	<a href="#">Use Of School Facilities</a>
4156.2	<a href="#">Awards And Recognition</a>
4256.2	<a href="#">Awards And Recognition</a>
4356.2	<a href="#">Awards And Recognition</a>
5113.2	<a href="#">Work Permits</a>
5113.2	<a href="#">Work Permits</a>
6111	<a href="#">School Calendar</a>
6117	<a href="#">Year-Round Schedules</a>
6141.2	<a href="#">Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</a>
6141.2	<a href="#">Recognition Of Religious Beliefs And Customs</a>
6142.3	<a href="#">Civic Education</a>
6142.4	<a href="#">Service Learning/Community Service Classes</a>
6142.94	<a href="#">History-Social Science Instruction</a>
6143	<a href="#">Courses Of Study</a>
6143	<a href="#">Courses Of Study</a>
6144	<a href="#">Controversial Issues</a>
6145.8	<a href="#">Assemblies And Special Events</a>
6175	<a href="#">Migrant Education Program</a>

6175	<a href="#"><u>Migrant Education Program</u></a>
6178.1	<a href="#"><u>Work-Based Learning</u></a>
6178.1	<a href="#"><u>Work-Based Learning</u></a>