

**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.

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

*(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)*

*(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*

*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

**Display of Flag**

The flag of the United States and the flag of California shall be displayed during business hours at the entrance or on the grounds of every district school and on or near the district office. At all times, the national flag shall be placed in the position of first honor. (Government Code 431, 436; 4 USC 6)

When displayed on a building or on a flagstaff in the open, the national flag shall be displayed only from sunrise to sunset unless properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather unless an all-weather flag is used. (4 USC 6)

The national flag shall fly at half-staff on the following occasions: (4 USC 7)

1. For 30 days from the death of the President or a former President
2. For 10 days from the death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3. From the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a secretary of an executive or military department, former Vice President, or the Governor of a state
4. On the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress
5. On Memorial Day, until noon only
6. On Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), unless it falls on Armed Forces Day
7. Upon a proclamation from the Governor in the event of the death of a present or former official of the state government or a member of the Armed Forces from the state who has died while serving on active duty
8. On other occasions by order of the President and in accordance with presidential instructions or orders

**Commemorative Flags**

1. Commemorative flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of the Board of Education and as an expression of the Boards' official sentiments.

2. Commemorative flags shall be displayed for a period of time that is reasonable or customary for the subject that is to be commemorated, but no longer than 31 days.
3. Commemorative flags displayed at the District office shall be on a flagpole separate from the flag of the United States and the flag of California if a secondary flagpole is available. The secondary flagpole shall be located in a place of less prominence and shall be at a lower height than the main flagpole.
4. The District will not display a commemorative flag based on a request from a third party, nor will the District use its flagpoles to sponsor the expression of a third party.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

37220-37223 *Saturdays and holidays*

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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