

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students join together to 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. [6142.3](#) - Civic Education)
(cf. [6142.94](#) - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. [6142.4](#) - Learning Through Community Service)

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

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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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SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Santa Clarita, California

Instruction

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Holidays

District schools shall be closed on the following holidays: (Education Code [37220](#))

New Year's Day	January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday in January or the Monday or Friday of the week in which January 15 occurs
Lincoln Day	The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs
Washington Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	The Thursday in November designated by the President
Christmas Day	December 25

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

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Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be observed the preceding Friday. If any of the above holidays occurs under federal law on a date different from that indicated above, the Board may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above. (Education Code 37220)

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

District schools shall hold exercises in accordance with law to commemorate the following special days: (Education Code [37220](#), [37221](#), [45460](#))

Patriot's Day	September 11
National Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15- October 15
U.S. Constitution Day	On or near September 17
Bill of Rights Day	December 15
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day	The Friday before the day schools are closed for this holiday
Lincoln's Birthday	The school day before the day schools are closed for this holiday
Susan B. Anthony Day	February 15
George Washington's Birthday	The Friday preceding the third Monday in February
Week of the School Administrator	First full week of March
Black American Day	March 5
Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day	March 7
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31
Day of the Teacher	Second Wednesday in May

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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 internment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a secretary of executive or military department, former Vice President, and 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

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