

Ceremonies and ObservancesFlag Salute and Etiquette

The salute to the flag or another appropriate activity is to be part of each day's opening exercise. Time should be taken at least once a year to discuss what the flag and flag salute represent. Those children who have religious or conscientious objections may be excused from participating.

The flag of the United States of America shall be present in an appropriate place during all school sessions.

Special Days and Events

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.

*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*