



Santa Ana Unified School District

BOARD POLICY NO: 6115

EFFECTIVE: 05/09/2023

SUBJECT: **Ceremonies and Observances**

CATEGORY: Instruction

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE(S): Educational Services Department

SCOPE:

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.

POLICY:

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)

DESIRED OUTCOME:

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.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

District Policies and Procedures:

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37220-37222.21 Holidays and commemorative events
44015.1 Week of the School Administrator
45203 Paid holidays
45460 Classified employee week
52720-52730 Patriotic exercises and instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

430-439 Display of flags
3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations

UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 36

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

COURT DECISIONS

Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District (9th Cir. 2010) 597 F.3d 1007

West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al, 31 9 U.S. 624 (1 943)



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