

**SAN LORENZO  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD POLICY**

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**CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of having students join together to celebrate events of cultural or historical significance or to acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals. Besides helping students to appreciate their pluralistic heritage, holidays, ceremonies and observances can enhance their sense of community, instill pride in our country, and contribute to a positive school climate.

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

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

COURT DECISIONS

- West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al, 319 U.S. 624 (1943)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

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Holidays:

District schools shall be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Lincoln Day
- Washington Day
- Cesar Chavez Day
- Monday or Friday of Spring Recess
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Day before or after Christmas
- Christmas Day
- One additional holiday specified by the Board of Education

Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be observed the preceding Friday.

Commemorative Exercises:

District schools may hold exercises or other learning opportunities to commemorate the following special days:

U.S. Constitution Day	September 17
Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month	September
Native American Day	Fourth Friday in September
Character Education Month	October
American Indian Heritage Month	November
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day	Third Monday of January
Lincoln's Birthday	February 12 (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
African-American Heritage Month	February
Lunar New Year	February
Women's History	March
African American Day	March 5
Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day	March 7
Arts Education	March

Week of the School Administrator	First full week of March
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31
School Bus Driver's Day	Fourth Tuesday in April
School Nurse's Day	Second Week in May
Teacher Appreciation Week	Second Week in May
Day of the Teacher	Second Wednesday in May
Classified Employee Week	Third Week in May
Day of the Classified Employee	Third Wednesday in May
Asian Pacific Heritage Month	May

Patriotic Exercises:

Each school shall conduct patriotic exercises daily. At elementary schools, such exercises shall be conducted at the beginning of each school day. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag will fulfill this requirement. (Education Code 52720)

Individuals may choose not to participate in the flag salute for personal reasons.

Display of Flag:

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

Upon order of the President, the national flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States government and the Governor of a state, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag shall be displayed at half-staff according to Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any state, the Governor may proclaim that the flag be flown at half-staff. (4 USC 7)

In addition, the national flag shall fly at half-staff: (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

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