

InstructionCeremonies and ObservancesPatriotic Exercises

At elementary schools, the Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited or patriotic exercises conducted at the beginning of each school day.

Individuals shall not be required to participate in the salute to the flag.

Special Days and Events

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

New Year's Day	January 1st
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	February 12th
Washington Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	That Thursday in November designated by the President
Christmas Day	December 25th

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 Governing 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)

Legal Reference: (See next page)

Ceremonies and Observances (continued)

Legal Reference:

Education Code

37220-37223 Saturdays and holidays

45203 Paid holidays

45460 Classified employee week

52720 Daily performance of patriotic exercises in public schools

Board of Education v. Barnette, 319 U.S. 624

Banks v. Board of Public Instruction, 314 F. Supp. 285

Hanover v. Northrup, 325 F. Supp. 170

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