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, ceremonies and observances can enhance their sense of community, instill pride in our country, and contribute to a positive school climate.

(cf. 6111 – School Calendar)
(cf. 6141.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6141.6 – Multicultural Education)
(cf. 6142.4 – Learning Through Community Service)

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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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