

CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The Board of Trustees 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.

It is prohibited to bring any type of helium or Mylar balloons, including biodegradable balloons, to any school-sponsored event on any school campus. Any such balloons brought on campus shall be confiscated by an adult member of the school's administration.

California Penal Code Section 653.1 prohibits the release of balloons made of electrically conductive material and filled with a gas lighter than air, as part of a public or civic event, promotional activity, or product advertisement.

Assemblies and special events that offer the release of any helium or Mylar balloons, including biodegradable balloons, are prohibited on all district campuses. This includes events sponsored by organizations that support the district's schools.

- (cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*
- (cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)*
- (cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*
- (cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*
- (cf. 6142.4 - Learning Through Community Service)*

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*

COURT DECISIONS

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

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

- 653.1 Of Other and Miscellaneous Offenses*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Constitution Day: New Mandate for Districts Receiving Federal Funds, CSBA Advisory, August 2005

FEDERAL REGISTER

70 Fed. Reg. 29727 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (2005)

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im>

Policy

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