

# **Santa Barbara School Districts**

## **Administrative Regulation**

**AR 6115**

### **Instruction**

#### **CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**

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

New Years Day – January 1

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 – The Monday or Friday of the week in which February 12 occurs

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 11

Thanksgiving Day – That Thursday in November designated by the President

Christmas Day – December 25

Holidays that fall on a Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. Holidays that fall on a Saturday shall be observed the proceeding Friday. If any of the above holidays occurs under federal law on a date different from that indicated above, the Board may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above. (Education Code 377220)

#### **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 be flag will fulfill this requirement. (Education Code 52720) When a majority of the students are present for a regular school assembly, the Pledge of allegiance and/or National Anthem will be observed.

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: 36 USC 174)

Upon order of the President, the national flag shall be flown at half-mast upon the death of principal figures of the United States government and the Governor of the state, as a mark of respect to their memory. When so flown, the flag shall be hoisted to the top of the staff for an instant before being lowered to half-mast. It should be hoisted to the peak again before being lowered for the night. (36 USC 175)

The national flag shall fly at half-mast: (36 USC 175)

1. For 30 days from the death of the President or a former President.
2. For ten 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 burial of a Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a former Vice President, a member of the Cabinet, a Secretary of the Army, Navy or Air Force, and the Governor of the state.
4. On the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress.

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