

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INSTRUCTION**

**BOARD POLICY 6111: SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Governing Board a calendar for each school that will meet the requirements of law as well as the needs of the community, students and the work year as negotiated for all personnel.

Each school calendar shall show the beginning and ending school dates, legal and local holidays, staff development days, minimum days, vacation periods and other pertinent dates.

The district shall offer a minimum of 180 days of instruction per school year.

Staff development days shall not be counted as instructional days.

Notifications of the schedule of minimum days shall be sent to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year. If any minimum days are added to the schedule, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the affected students as soon as possible and at least 30 days before the scheduled minimum day. (Education Code 48980)

If a school will be used as a polling place on an election day, the Board shall determine whether to continue school in session, designate the day for staff training and development or close the school to students and nonclassified staff. (Elections Code 12283)

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**Legal Reference:**

EDUCATION CODE

37200-37202 School calendar

37220-37223 Holidays

37252-37253.5 Summer school

37300-37307 Year-Round School Demonstration Project

37600-37672 Continuous school programs: year-round schools, especially:

37618 School calendar

37700-37707 Four-day week

41422 Schools not maintained for 175 days

44579-44579.5 Instructional Time and Staff Development Reform Program

46200-46205 Incentives for longer instructional day and year

46206 Waiver

48980 Notice at beginning of term

ELECTIONS CODE

12283 School closures, election days

**Management Resources:**

WEB SITES

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

Secretary of State's Office: <http://www.ss.ca.gov>

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**BOARD POLICY 6112: SCHOOL DAY**

The Governing Board shall determine the length of the school day subject to the provisions of law. (Education Code 46100)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine daily schedules giving consideration to grade level expectancies, curricular demands, availability of school facilities, the age and attention span of students, and legal requirements.

The Board encourages flexibility in scheduling so as to provide longer subject time blocks when appropriate and desirable to support student learning, provide more intensive study of core academic subjects or extended exploration of complex topics.

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**Legal Reference:**

EDUCATION CODE

- 8970-8974 *Early primary program, including extended-day kindergarten*
- 37202 *Equal time in all schools*
- 37670 *Year-round schools*
- 46010 *Total days of attendance*
- 46100 *Length of school day*
- 46110-46119 *Kindergarten and elementary schools (day of attendance)*
- 46140-46147 *Junior high school and high school (day of attendance)*
- 46160-46162 *Alternative schedule - junior high and high school*
- 46170 *Minimum day - continuation schools*
- 46180 *Opportunity schools (minimum day)*
- 46190-46192 *Adult school (day of attendance)*
- 46200-46206 *Incentives for longer instructional day and year*
- 52326 *Minimum school day for regional occupational center and programs*

**Management Resources:**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

*Kindergarten Information, June 7, 2002*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*The Uses of Time for Teaching and Learning, October 1996*

*Extending Learning Time for Disadvantaged Students, August 1995*

NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION ON TIME AND LEARNING PUBLICATIONS

*Prisoners of Time, April 1994*

WEB SITES

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION TO BOARD POLICY 6112: SCHOOL DAY**

Kindergarten

The minimum school day for kindergarten students shall be 180 minutes, excluding noon intermissions but including recesses. (Education Code 46115, 46117)

The maximum school day for kindergarten students shall be four hours (240 minutes) excluding recesses. (Education Code 46111)

The maximum school day for kindergarten students may be longer than four hours under the following circumstances:

1. The kindergarten school day may exceed four hours if the district has established an early primary program pursuant to Education Code 8970-8974 and meets the following conditions: (Education Code 8973)
  - a. The Governing Board declares that the extended-day kindergarten program does not exceed the length of the primary school day.
  - b. The extended-day kindergarten program includes ample opportunity for both active and quiet activities within an integrated, experiential and developmentally appropriate educational program.

Elementary Schools

The minimum school day for students in elementary schools shall be:

1. 230 minutes for students in grades 1 through 3 (Education Code 46112)
2. 240 minutes for students in grades 4 through 6 (Education Code 46113)

For students in grades 1 through 6, the minimum school day excludes both noon intermissions and recesses. (Education Code 46115)

The above minimum school days do not apply to situations in grades 1 through 3 in which the Board has prescribed a shorter school day because of lack of school facilities requiring double sessions. (Education Code 46112, 46113)

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**BOARD POLICY 6115: 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.

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**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>

**DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION TO BOARD POLICY 6115:  
CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES**

Holidays

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

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| New Year's Day                     | January 1   |
| Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.<br>Day | Third Monday in January or the Monday or<br>Friday of the week in which January 15 occurs                                 |
| Lincoln Day                        | The Monday or Friday of the week in which<br>February 12 occurs (or aligns with the Washington<br>Day Holiday Observance) |
| Washington Day                     | Third Monday in February  |
| Memorial Day                       | Last Monday in May  |
| Independence Day                   | July 4  |
| Labor Day                          | First Monday in September   |
| Veteran's Day                      | November 11   |
| Thanksgiving Day                   | That Thursday in November designated by the<br>President  |
| Christmas Day                      | December 25   |

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 Board may close the schools on the date recognized by federal law instead of on the date above. (Education Code 37220)

Commemorative Exercises

District schools shall hold exercises to commemorate the following special days:

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| Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   | The Friday before the day schools are closed for this holiday [Section 37220 (2)]  |
| Lincoln's Birthday                | The school day before the day schools are closed for this holiday [Section 37220 (3)]  |
| Susan B. Anthony Day              | February 15<br>"Schools shall include exercises and instruction on the political and economic status of women in the United States and the contributions of Susan B. Anthony thereto." [Section 37221(c)]  |
| George Washington's Birthday      | The Friday preceding the third Monday in February [Section 37220 (4)]  |
| Black American Day                | March 5<br>Anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks<br>"Schools shall include exercises and instruction on the development of black people in the United States." [Section 37221 (d)]   |
| Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day | March 7<br>Anniversary of the birthday of Luther Burbank.<br>"Schools shall include exercises and instruction on the economic value of birds and trees, and the promotion of a spirit of protection toward them, and as to the economic value of natural resources, and the desirability of their conservation." [Section 37221 (b)] |
| Cesar Chavez Day                  | March 31<br>"Schools shall include exercises commemorating and drawing attention to the history of the farm labor movement in the United States and particularly the role therein of Cesar Chavez". [Section 37220.5 (b)]  |
| Staff Appreciation Week           | Second Week in May<br>"Schools are encouraged to observe and conduct suitable commemorative exercises." [Section 37222(b1)]  |

Constitution Day

September 17

Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

“Schools shall include exercises and instruction in the purpose, meaning, and importance of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights.” [Section 37221 (a)]

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 Pledge of Allegiance 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-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. (36 USC 175)

In addition, the national flag shall fly at half-staff: (36 USC 175)

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

***DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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***BOARD POLICY 6116 (was BP 6007): CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS***

The Governing Board recognizes that class time should be dedicated to student learning. The Board believes that classroom interruptions, which are not related to the educational program, should be kept at an absolute minimum.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations to govern classroom interruptions.

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***Legal Reference:***

***EDUCATION CODE***

*32212 Classroom interruptions*

***Management Resources:***

*DMUSD Board Policy 1250.1 Learning Environment Disruptions*

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***ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION TO BOARD POLICY 6116:  
CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS***

The principal or designee shall keep announcements made through intercom or public address systems to a minimum and limit announcements to specific times during the day. Announcements that apply only to teachers shall be distributed in writing.

The principal shall establish a fixed time for the delivery of messages to students, except in the case of emergencies.

School maintenance operations involving noise or classroom disruption shall be performed before or after school hours whenever possible.

School visitors and observers shall make appointments in advance. All appointments must be approved by the site principal.