

Downey Unified School District

INSTRUCTION

OBSERVANCE OF SPECIAL DAYS AND WEEKS

BP 3125

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to observe special days or weeks, set by law or custom, which meet the following criteria:

1. Inclusive social significance which emphasizes group or civic responsibilities.
2. Celebrated by communities in commemoration of outstanding events and personalities.
3. Set aside by district, city, state, or national legislative action.

It is the belief of the Board of Education that the most effective education takes place when the study of a particular aspect of historical or contemporary events occurs in its psychological setting and historical moment. The study of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other great documents and events in United States history is continuous. Special days or weeks are observed by the schools. Such study helps to bring additional focus on important American ideals, freedoms, and institutions. However, the real heart of instruction is the systematic and careful study of all factors that have contributed to making these events significant.