

Religious and Creed-Based Days of Observance (Summary)

Text version

January – December 2024

The following list includes religious and / or creed-based dates of observance and celebrations that may require students and / or staff to be absent from school or work. When requesting a religious or creed-based accommodation, staff and students are invited to review and follow the steps outlined in the following procedures.

- [Religious and Creed-Based Accommodation of Staff Procedure](#)
- [Religious and Creed-Based Accommodation of Students Procedure](#)

Staff are to be mindful of the dates that students may be absent from school and should not plan assignments, tests or curriculum extensions on these dates.

* Please note: The following list may not be exhaustive. Staff are encouraged to prioritize cultural humility by getting to know students and when they might be absent from school when planning assignments, tests or curriculum extensions for students.

** Please note: Some dates may change slightly depending on lunar sighting.

January 2024

January 1	Gantan-Sai; Japan, Shinto
January 5	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday; Sikh
January 6	Christmas; Christian, Armenia
January 6	Three Kings' Day; Christian
January 6	Epiphany; Christian
January 7	Christmas; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
January 13	Lohri; Sikh, Hindu
January 14	New Year; Eastern Orthodox Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
January 19	Timkat / Theophany; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
January 19	Sultán (17th Month); Bahá'í
January 25	Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day); Jewish

February 2024

February 2	Imbolg; Wicca
February 7	Mulk (18th Month); Bahá'í
February 10	Chinese / Lunar New Year; China, Buddhist, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam
February 10	Losar (New Year Tibet); Tibet, Buddhist
February 10	Seollal; Korea

February 13	Shrove Tuesday; Christian
February 13	Great Prayer Festival; Tibet, Buddhist
February 14	Basant Panchami; Hindu
February 14	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins); Christian
February 25	Intercalary Days (thru Mar 1); Bahá'í

March 2024

March 2	Alá (19-Day Fast Begins thru Mar 20); Bahá'í
March 7	Butter Lamp Festival (Tibet); Tibet, Buddhist
March 8	Shivratri; Hindu
March 12	Ramadan Begins; Islam
March 16 – 20	Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem; Zoroastrian
March 18	Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins); Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
March 19	St. Joseph's Day; Christian
March 20	Eostre; Wicca
March 20	Shunki-Sorei-Sai; Shinto
March 20	Now Ruz (New Year); Afghanistan, Zoroastrian, Islam Ismaili, Bahá'í, Iran
March 24	Palm Sunday; Christian
March 24	Purim; Jewish
March 25	Annunciation; Christian
March 25	Holi; Sikh, Hindu
March 26	Hola Mohalla (Bikarami); Sikh
March 26	Birth Of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli); Zoroastrian
March 28	Holy Thursday; Christian
March 29	Good Friday; Christian
March 31	Easter; Christian

April 2024

April 1	Easter Monday; Christian
April 2	Jalál (2nd Month); Bahá'í
April 3	Yazidi New Year
April 6	Laylat al-Qadr; Islam
April 6	Organization of The Church; Christian – Mormon
April 10-12	Eid-ul-Fitr; Islam
April 13	Songkran/New Year; Thailand, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, India, Cambodia
April 13	Baisakhi; Bangladesh, Sikh, Hindu
April 17	Ram Navami; Hindu
April 21- May 1	Feast Of Ridvan; Bahá'í
April 21	Mahavira Jayanti; Jain
April 23	Akshaya Tritiya; Jain
April 23	Pesach /Passover (Apr 23 - Apr 30); Jewish
April 27	Jamál (3rd Month); Bahá'í
April 30-May 4	Gahambar Maidyozaem; Zoroastrian

May 2024

May 1	Beltane; Wicca
May 2	Maundy Thursday; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
May 3	Holy Friday; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
May 5	Pasha/Easter; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
May 6	Easter Monday; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
May 9	Ascension; Christian
May 16	Ázamat (4th Month); Bahá'í
May 19	Pentecost; Christian
May 23	Declaration of Báb; Bahá'í
May 23	Wesak; Buddhist
May 25	Ascension; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
May 26-27	Shavuot; Jewish
May 29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh; Bahá'í

June 2024

June 4	Núr (5th Month); Bahá'í
June 10	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev; Sikh
June 11-13	Shavuot; Jewish
June 16	Day of Hajj (Day of Arafat); Islam
June 17	Eid-ul-Adha; Islam
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 21	Litha; Wicca
June 23	Rahmat (6 th month); Bahá'í
June 23	Pentecost; Christian - Coptic & Eastern Orthodox
June 29-July 3	Gahambar Maidyoshem; Zoroastrian

July 2024

July 7	1st Muharram - Islamic New Year; Islam
July 10	Martyrdom of The Báb; Bahá'í
July 11	Imamat w; Islam Ismaili
July 12	Katimát (7th month); Bahá'í
July 16	Ashura; Islam
July 21	Guru Purnima; Jain, Hindu
July 21	Wassana / Dhamma Day; Buddhist
July 24	Pioneer Day; Christian – Mormon
July 30	Oh-Harai-Taisai; Shinto
July 31	Kamál (8th Month); Bahá'í

August 2024

August 1	Lughnasad; Wicca
August 2	Ilinden; Macedonia
August 8-17	Fravardeghan; Zoroastrian
August 13	Tish'a B'Av; Jewish
August 15	Assumption; Christian
August 18	Now Ruz (Shenshai); Zoroastrian
August 19	Asmá (9th Month); Bahá'í
August 19	Raksha Bandhan; Hindu
August 24	Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Shenshai); Zoroastrian
August 26	Janmashtami; Hindu
August 31-Sept. 8	Paryushana-Parva; Jain

September 2024

September 7	Ganesh Chaturthi; Hindu
September 8	Ízzat (10th Month); Bahá'í
September 8	Samvatsari; Jain
September 8	Dashalakshani-Parva; Jain
September 12-16	Gahambar Paitishahem; Zoroastrian
September 15	Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi; Islam
September 17	Ananta-Chaturdasi; Jain
September 18	Ksamavani; Jain
September 22	Mabon; Wicca
September 27	Mashiyyat (11th Month); Bahá'í
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 2024

October 3	Navratri; Hindu
October 3-4	Rosh Hashana; Jewish
October 10	Durga Puja; Hindu
October 12	Yom Kippur; Jewish
October 12	Dussehra; Nepal, Hindu
October 12-16	Gahambar Ayathrem; Zoroastrian
October 15	'Ilm (12th Month); Bahá'í
October 16	Pavarana; Buddhist
October 17	Kathina; Buddhist
October 17-23	Sukkot; Jewish
October 20	Karva Chauth; Hindu
October 24	Shemini Atzeret; Jewish

October 25 Simchat Torah; Jewish
October 31 Samhain; Wicca

November 2024

November 1 All Saints' Day; Christian
November 1 Diwali; Sikh, Hindu
November 1 Mahavira Nirvana; Jain
November 2 All Souls Day; Christian
November 2 Birthday Of The Báb; Bahá'í
November 3 Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh; Bahá'í
November 4 Qudrat (13th Month); Bahá'í
November 15 Guru Nanak's Birthday (Bikarami); Sikh
November 15 Lokashah Jayanti; Jain
November 22 Qawl (14th Month); Bahá'í
November 24 Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur; Sikh
November 26 Day of Covenant; Bahá'í
November 28 Ascension Of Abdu'l-Bahá; Bahá'í

December 2024

December 1 First Sunday of Advent; Christian
December 6 St. Nicholas Day; Christian
December 8 Bodhi Day; Buddhist
December 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Christian
December 11 Masa'll (15th Month); Bahá'í
December 10 - 13 Roji and Eda Rojiet Ezi; Yazidi
December 13 Aga Khan's Birthday; Islam Ismaili
December 22 Tohji-Tasai; Shinto
December 22 Yule; Wicca
December 23 Joseph Smith's Birthday; Christian – Mormon
December 25 Christmas Day; Christian
December 25-Jan. 2 Hannukah; Jewish
December 26 Death of Prophet Zarathustra; Zoroastrian
December 30 Sharaf (16th Month); Bahá'í
December 31-Jan. 3 Gahambar Maidyarem; Zoroastrian