

# 2025-2026 Religious/Spiritual High Holidays/Observances School Year Calendar (January – July)

Shared here are religious and/or creed-based dates of observance and celebrations that may require students and/or staff to be absent from school or work or that might require additional accommodation/considerations (e.g., during times when students and/or staff are fasting). 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](#) and [Religious and Creed-Based Accommodation of Students](#).

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

**Note: Uppercase Month → begins in the morning / lowercase month → begins at sunset. Some dates may change slightly depending on lunar sighting.**

*\*Sikh students and staff may require accommodations up to 30 minutes to pray during their high holidays, which can be taken at any time. \*\*P → Professional Activity Day \*\*\*The School Calendar is based on Christian holidays. (Lent → Feb 18 - Apr 2)*

MONTH	Number of Instructional Days	Number of PA Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1ST WEEK					2ND WEEK					3RD WEEK					4TH WEEK					5TH WEEK					
				M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	
JANUARY	20	1	5				1 B	2 B	5	6 LOW-GERMAN	7 ORTHODOX	8	9	12	13 SIKH	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23 E	26 E	27 E	28 E	29 E	30 P	
FEBRUARY	19			2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16 HINDU H	17 CHINESE Islam	18 CHINESE ISLAM	19 CHINESE ISLAM	20 CHINESE ISLAM	23 CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX	24 CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX	25 CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX	26 CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX	27 CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX						
MARCH	17			2 BAHÁ'Í CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX Judaism	3 BAHÁ'Í CHINESE ISLAM ORTHODOX JUDAISM	4 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX HINDU	5 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	6 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	9 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	10 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	11 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	12 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	13 BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	16 B BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	17 B BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	18 B BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	19 B BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	20 B BAHÁ'Í ISLAM ORTHODOX	23 ORTHODOX	24 ORTHODOX	25 ORTHODOX	26 ORTHODOX	27 ORTHODOX	30 ORTHODOX	31 ORTHODOX				
APRIL	20	1				1 Judaism ORTHODOX	2 JUDAISM ORTHODOX	3 H JUDAISM ORTHODOX LOW-GERMAN	6 H JUDAISM ORTHODOX LOW-GERMAN	7 JUDAISM ORTHODOX LOW-GERMAN	8 JUDAISM ORTHODOX	9 JUDAISM ORTHODOX	10 ORTHODOX	13	14 SIKH	16	16	17	20 bahá'í	21 BAHÁ'Í	22 BAHÁ'Í	23 BAHÁ'Í	24 P BAHÁ'Í	27 BAHÁ'Í	28 BAHÁ'Í	29 BAHÁ'Í	30 BAHÁ'Í		
MAY	20	1						1 BAHÁ'Í	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14 LOW-GERMAN	15	16 H	19	20	21 Judaism ORTHODOX	22 JUDAISM	25 LOW-GERMAN	26 Islam LOW-GERMAN	27 ISLAM	28 bahá'í ISLAM	29 P BAHÁ'Í ISLAM	
JUNE	22	1	5	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15 HINDU	16 HINDU	17	18	19 E	22 E	23 E	24 E Islam	25 E ISLAM	26 P	29	30	31			
JULY	0					1 H	2	3	6	7	8	9 BAHÁ'Í	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	
TOTAL (entire year)	196p	7	10																										

<p><b>Bahá'í'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nineteen-Day Fast Mar 1 - Mar 20, 2026</li> <li>Naw Ruz Mar 19 - 20, 2026</li> <li>Ridvan Apr 20 - May 2, 2026</li> <li>Declaration of the Báb May 23 - 24, 2026</li> <li>Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh May 28 - 29, 2026</li> <li>Martyrdom of Báb Jul 9, 2026</li> </ul>	<p><b>Buddhist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parinirvana Day Feb 15, 2026</li> <li>Magha Puja Day Mar 3, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Chinese</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese New Year's Eve February 16, 2026</li> <li>*Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse) February 17, 2026</li> <li>Lantern Festival March 3, 2026</li> </ul> <p>*Celebrations of Chinese New Year traditionally last for <b>16 days</b>, culminating with the Lantern Festival on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>	<p><b>Orthodox Christianity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast of the Nativity (Christmas) Jan 7, 2026</li> <li>Great Lent Feb 23 - Apr 11, 2026</li> <li>Holy (Good) Friday Apr 10, 2026</li> <li>Holy Saturday Apr 11, 2026</li> <li>Easter Apr 12, 2026</li> <li>Ascension Day May 21, 2026</li> <li>Pentecost May 24, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Low German-Speaking Mennonite</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hellje Dree Tjeenijch – Jan 6, 2026</li> <li>Stelle Friedach/Oostre – Apr 3 - 7, 2026</li> <li>Himmelfoht – May 14, 2026</li> <li>Pinjste – May 24 - 26, 2026</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hindu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maha Shivarati Feb 15 - 16, 2026</li> <li>Holi Mar 4, 2026</li> </ul> <p>(see notes regarding Sikh observances)</p>	<p><b>Indigenous</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Indigenous Peoples' Day Jun 21, 2026</li> </ul>	<p><b>Islam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramadan Feb 17 - Mar 19, 2026</li> <li>Eid - il Fitr Mar 19 - 20, 2026</li> <li>Eid - ul Adha May 26 - 30, 2026</li> <li>Ashura Jun 24 - 25, 2026</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sikh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lohri, Maghi Jan 13, 2026</li> <li>Baisakhi / Vaisakhi April 14, 2026</li> </ul>	<p><b>Judaism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim Mar 2 - 3, 2026</li> <li>Passover Apr 1 - 9, 2026</li> <li>Shavuot May 21 - 23, 2026</li> </ul>
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