



Yom Kippur and Count Day

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Dear DCS Students, Families, and Staff,

Next Wednesday, October 5th is the annual "student count day." Wednesday, October 5th is also Yom Kippur, which is one of two components of the "High Holy Days" in Judaism observed by many of our families and staff members.

Scheduling of count day is the decision of the legislature and not a local decision. There is also generally a misunderstanding of the way student count functions when described in media reports. The state schedules the "count day" and the rules require students to be present during a window of days that begins on "count day."

We respect the religious beliefs and celebrations of our students, families, and staff members. Please be assured that if your family observes Yom Kippur and your child does not attend school on Wednesday, October 5th, we support you. All we ask is that you contact the school to excuse the absence of your child. There are no negative ramifications to our students or the school district with regard to state funding if your child is absent that day as long as you excuse your student and the student returns to school within the 10-day window that starts on Wednesday, October 5th.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent