

## **Mercer Island School District Cultural Calendar**

MISD serves the wonderfully diverse community on Mercer Island. The District commits to inclusive schools where students feel a deep sense of belonging. To this, MISD recognizes different customs, cultures, and religions that are part of our students' and families' identity.

MISD developed this Cultural Calendar in partnership with students, staff, and families. The calendar is meant to serve as an overlay or in concert with the adopted school calendar. It is meant to raise awareness, assist with planning events in and out of the classroom, and create even more inclusive schools for students, staff, and the community.

The following descriptions provide a better understanding of the expectations for school-sponsored events and activities.

**Cultural Days of Significance** – these identified days are school days, but activities in and out of the classroom will be impacted, amended or canceled. This may include but is not limited to:

- Tests, quizzes, and major projects neither held nor due;
- No school assemblies, open houses, curriculum nights;
- No after school meetings, events, competitions, performances, or practices.

**Cultural Days of Recognition** – these identified days are school days, but activities in and out of the classroom may be impacted, amended or canceled. This may include but is not limited to:

- Holding meetings, practices or rehearsals but excusing students and staff; and
- Canceling/Rescheduling competitions, formal events, or performances.

**Cultural Days of Awareness** – these identified days are school days, and the community should be aware that students, staff, and families may be observing these days. Before and after school activities may continue, but schools will be aware that some students may be impacted and request support.

**Observance Begins at Dusk or Sundown** – some observances begin at dusk or sundown. On these days before and during school activities may continue as scheduled, but considerations should be made for after school activities.



# Mercer Island School District

## 2023 - 2024 Cultural Calendar

August '23							September '23							October '23						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

  

November '23							December '23							January '24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31			
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February '24							March '24							April '24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
25	26	27	28	29			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
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May '24							June '24							July '24						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
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School/District Closed (Federal or State Holiday)



Observance begins at dusk or sundown



**Cultural Day of Significance**-No after school meetings, events, athletics or practices. No class assessments will be conducted or class projects presented.



First and Last Day of School



**Cultural Day of Recognition**-Canceling or Rescheduling competitions, formal events or performances. Practices and regular meetings optional with absences excused. Normal classroom procedures.



**Cultural Day of Awareness**-Before and after school activities may continue, but schools will be aware that some students may be impacted and request support.

August 30	First Day of School
September 4	Labor Day
September 15-17	Rosh Hashanah
September 24-25	Yom Kippur
October 9	Indigenous People's Day
November 10	Veteran's Day Observed
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12	Diwali
November 23	Thanksgiving
November 24	Native American Heritage Day
December 7-15	Hanukkah
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years
January 15	MLK Day
February 10	Lunar New Year
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 19	Presidents' Day
March 11	Beginning of Ramadan
March 20-21	Nowruz (Persian New Year)
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter
April 10	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)
April 22-30	Passover
May 27	Memorial Day
June 17	Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)
June 19	Juneteenth
June 21	Last Day of School
July 4	Independence Day