

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

DATE(S)	HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	NOTES
SEPTEMBER		
Hispanic Heritage Month		
Sept 1, 2025	Labor Day	Celebration of American workers' contributions
Sept 4 (sundown)- 5(sundown), 2025	Mawlid an Nabi	The observance of the Prophet Muhammad of Islam
Sept 11, 2025	Patriot Day	Remembrance of those that died on September 11th 2001
Sept 17, 2025	Constitution Day	Recognizing anniversary of the nation's constitution
Sept 22 (sundown) - 24, 2025	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year
Sept 22 (sundown)- Oct 2 (sundown) 2025	Navaratri	Hindu festival dedicated to the worship of the Goddess Durga and her various forms
OCTOBER		
Bullying Prevention Down Syndrome Awareness Family History German Heritage Italian Heritage Polish Heritage Month		
Oct 1 (sundown) - 2, 2025	Yom Kippur	Jewish Day of Atonement - fasting
Oct 6 (sundown)- Oct 13 (sundown) 2025	Sukkot	Major Jewish Festival to commemorate the sheltering of the Israelites in the wilderness
Oct 11, 2025	National Coming Out Day	Celebrating LGBTQ+ individuals by encouraging people to live openly free from discrimination
Oct 13, 2025	Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day	Honors Columbus' arrival in 1492/Native American culture
Oct 13 (sundown)- Oct 15(sundown) 2025	Simchat Torah	Jewish Holiday that celebrates the annual reading of the Torah
Oct 20, 2025	Diwali	Hindu Festival of Lights
Oct 31, 2025	Halloween	Evening before All Saints' Day
NOVEMBER		
American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month		
Nov 4, 2025	Election Day	Annual date for electing public officials
Nov 11, 2025	Veteran's Day	Honors military veterans and victims of all wars
Nov 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day	Celebrates the harvest and blessings of the past year
DECEMBER		
Universal Human Rights Month		
Dec 14 (sundown)- Dec 22 (sundown) 2025	Hanukkah	Lesser Jewish festival lasting 8 days commemorating the rededication of the Temple in 165 BC by the Macabees after its desecration by the Syrians. Kindling of 8 lights
Dec 24, 2025	Christmas Eve	The evening before Christmas Day
Dec 25, 2025	Christmas Day	Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ
Dec 26, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025	Kwanzaa	Celebration honoring African American culture/heritage
JANUARY		
Poverty in America Awareness Month		
Jan 1, 2026	New Year's Day	Marks the start of the new year
Jan 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan 29, 2025	Chinese (Lunar) New Year	Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar
FEBRUARY		
Black History Month		
Feb 14, 2026	Valentine's Day	Day where people express affection with greetings and gifts
Feb 16, 2026	President's Day	In honor of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
February 17, 2026	Chinese (Lunar) New Year	Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar
Feb 17 (sundown) - Mar 19, 2026	Ramadan	Islamic Month of Fasting - fasting from sunup to sundown
Feb 18- Apr 2 2026	Lent	Christian period of penitence and fasting from Ash Wednesday to Easter
MARCH		
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Ethnic Equality Gender Equality Greek Heritage Irish Heritage Women's History Month		
Mar 4, 2026	Holi	Hindu Festival of Color
Mar 17, 2026	St. Patrick's Day	Cultural & Roman Catholic religious celebration of St. Patrick
Mar 20 (sundown) - 21, 2026	Eid-ul-Fitr	End of Fasting for Muslims
Mar 31, 2026	Transgender Day of Visibility	Celebrating transgender contributions to society and raising awareness of discrimination
APRIL		
Arab Heritage Autism Awareness Celebrate Diversity Community Service Earth Tartan-Scottish Heritage Month		
Apr 1(sundown)- Apr 9, 2026	Passover	Jewish Festival of Liberation
Apr 3, 2026	Good Friday	Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
Apr 5, 2026	Easter	Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ
Apr 10, 2026	Day of Silence	Annual day of silent protest against the bullying of LGBTQ+ students & their supporters
Apr 12, 2026	Greek Easter	Commemorates Easter on the Greek Orthodox calendar
Apr 22, 2026	Earth Day	Day to demonstrate support for environmental protection
MAY		
Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage Haitian Heritage Jewish Heritage Personal History Awareness Speech & Hearing Awareness Month		
May 5, 2026	Cinco de Mayo	Celebrates Mexico's victory over France in 1862
May 10, 2026	Mother's Day	Honors mothers & influence of mothers in society
May 25, 2025	Memorial Day	Remembrance for members of the military who died in war
JUNE		
Caribbean Heritage Pride Month		
Jun 14, 2026	Flag Day	Commemorates adoption of the United States Flag
Jun 19, 2026	Juneteenth	Commemorating the end of slavery
Jun 21, 2026	Father's Day	Honoring fathers & influence of fathers in society
Jun 26 (sundown)- 27, 2026	Eid al-Adha	Feast of the Sacrifice
Jun 28, 2026	Pride Day	Celebrating LGBTQ+ social & self-acceptance, achievements, legal rights, and pride

*We recognize that there are some communities that do not celebrate religious and cultural observances.