



## Vision

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### Inclusive Calendar Considerations School Year 2025-2026

City Schools of Decatur strives to foster an engaging and inclusive culture. This calendar companion is a resource for district staff at various levels, such as district and school leaders, teachers, and coaches, as a best effort to honor the observances of our diverse school community. It was developed in partnership with the Superintendent's Interfaith Council, and ongoing feedback and input are appreciated.

Faith-Based Holiday/ Observance	Faith	Date(s) 2025-2026	Considerations				
			Excused Absence (A) or Tardy (T) for Students	District/ School: Avoid Scheduling Major Events	School/ Classroom: Avoid Tests/ Major Assignments	Note if students may be Fasting (F), Prayer (P), Other (Specify)	Notes/ Other Considerations
Tisha B'Av	Jewish	August 2-3, 2025				✓ F	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	August 16, 2025				✓ F	
Rosh Hashana	Jewish	September 22-24, 2025	✓ Absent	✓	✓		Impacts majority in faith; Begins sundown 10/22
Yom Kippur	Jewish	October 1-2, 2025	✓ Absent	✓	✓	✓ F	Impacts majority in faith; Begins sundown 10/1
Sukkot	Jewish	October 6-13, 2025					Impacts some in faith
Simchat Torah	Jewish	October 13-15,2025					Impacts some in faith
Diwali	Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist	October 20, 2025	✓ Absent	✓	✓	✓ F, P	



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Twin Holy Days (Birth of the Bab, Birth of Bahauallah)	Baha'i	October 22, 2025 October 23, 2025	✓ Absent				Work & school suspended
Chanukah	Jewish	December 14 - 22, 2025					N/A No school
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	February 15-16, 2026				✓ F	
Ramadan	Muslim	February 17 - March 19, 2026				✓ F	Late night prayers; Start date may vary, based on lunar calendar
Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 18, 2026	✓ Tardy	✓	✓		
Clean Monday	Christian Orthodox	February 23, 2026				✓ F	
Baha'i Fast Month of Ala	Baha'i	March 2-20, 2026				✓ F	Daylight fasting for ages 15+
Purim	Jewish	March 2-3, 2026					
Eid al-Fitr	Muslim	March 19-20, 2026	✓ Absent	✓	✓		Begins at sunset; Start date may vary, based on lunar calendar
Naw Ruz	Baha'i	March 20-21, 2026	✓ Absent	✓			Work & school suspended; Begins sunset 3/20



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Palm Sunday	Christian	March 29, 2026					
Passover	Jewish	April 1-9, 2026	✓	✓	✓	✓ Special Diet, No Bread	Note: Apr 6-10 CSD Spring Break
Maundy Thursday	Christian	April 2, 2026	✓	✓		✓ F	
Good Friday	Christian	April 3, 2026	✓	✓		✓ F	
Holy Saturday	Christian	April 4, 2026				✓ F	Note: Apr 6-10 CSD Spring Break
Easter	Christian	April 5, 2026					N/A No School
Ridvan	Baha'i	April 20 - May 2, 2026	✓ Absent	✓			Work & school suspended on 4/20, 4/28, 5/2; Begins sunset 4/20
Shavuot	Jewish	May 21-23, 2026					
Eid ul-Adha	Muslim	May 26-27, 2026	✓ Absent	✓	✓		Begins at sunset; Start date may vary, based on lunar calendar