

2026-2027 Religious Observance

Significant religious observances of the major faith groups represented in the United States are included in this calendar to help teachers, administrators, and other staff members promote a welcoming climate that is sensitive to religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity. Teachers and administrators are encouraged to consider possible conflicts when scheduling tests and planning schoolwide activities and programs to promote participation and support families of all faiths in the school community.

Observances marked with * and ** begin at sunset or the lunar sighting the evening before which could affect families' participation in evening events. Restrictions may vary based on the tradition observed by individual families and their faith group. For some noted observances, students and staff may be absent from school or work. In some cases, older students and adults may be fasting. Some Jewish fast days (with no asterisk) begin at sunrise and end at sunset on the same day. Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the dates in this list.. While this list is not comprehensive, it includes the most common and universal observations.

Contact the Assistant Superintendent of Operations with questions related to holidays observed, attendance, excuses for religious observances, and make-up work.

FIRST SEMESTER (Fall 2026)

Date	Observance
June 26	Day of Aashoraa ** (Islamic)
Jul 10	Martyrdom of Bab * (Bahá'í)
Jul 2	Tzom Tammuz (Jewish)
Jul 23	Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
Jul 29	Asala Puja (Dharma Day) # (Buddhist)
Aug 13	Ulambana (Obon) # (Buddhist)
Aug 15	Assumption (Christian)
Sep 4	Krishna Janmashtami (Jayanti) (Hindu)
Sep 8-15	Paryushan Parva # (Jain)
Sep 11	Rosh Hashanah* (Jewish New Year) (Jewish)
Sep 14	Tzom Gedaliah (Jewish)
Sep 20-21	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)* (Jewish)
Sep 25-Oct 7	Sukkot (Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles)* (Jewish)
Oct 2-3	Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)* (Jewish)
Oct 4	Simchat Torah* (Jewish)
Nov 1	All Saints Day (Christian)
Nov 8	Diwali/Deepavali # (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)
Nov 10	Birth of the Báb* (Bahá'í)
Nov 11	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh* (Bahá'í)
Nov 24	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev (Sikh)
Nov 26	Day of the Covenant* (Bahá'í)
Nov 28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá* (Bahá'í)
Dec 4-12	Chanukah (Hanukkah, Festival of Lights)* (Jewish)
Dec 8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) (Buddhist)
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Christian)
Dec 20	Asara B'Tevet (Jewish)
Dec 25	Christmas Day (Christian)
Dec 26	Death of Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroastrian)

SECOND SEMESTER (Spring 2027)

Date	Observance
Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Christian)
Jan 6	Epiphany (Christian)
Jan 6	Christmas Day (Armenian Orthodox)
Jan 7	Christmas Day (Eastern Orthodox)
Feb 7	Ramadan, First Day** (Islamic)
Feb 9	Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday) (Christian)
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) (Christian)
Feb 10-Mar 25	Lent (Christian)
Feb 10-Mar 25	Lent (Orthodox)
Feb 21-Mar 1	Ayyám-i-Ha* (Bahá'í)
Mar 2-20	Bahá'í Fast* (Bahá'í)
Mar 3	Magha Puja (Sangha Day) (Buddhist)
Mar 10	Eid-ul-Fitr (end of Ramadan)** (Islamic)
Mar 21	Naw-Rúz* (Bahá'í)
Mar 21	Palm Sunday (Christian)
Mar 22	Holi* # (Hindu, Sikh)
Mar 22	Ta'anit Esther (Jewish)
Mar 22-23	Purim (Festival of Lots)* (Jewish)
Mar 26	Good Friday (Christian)
Apr 14	Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (Hindu, Sikh)
Apr 21	First Day of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
Apr 21	Pesach (Passover), First Days* (Jewish)
Apr 21	Ta'anit Bechorot (Jewish)
Apr 21-29	Pesach (Passover)* (Jewish)
Apr 21-May 3	Festival of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
Apr 29	Ninth Day of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
Apr 29	Pesach (Passover), Concluding Days* (Jewish)
Apr 30	Holy Friday (Orthodox)
May 2	Easter/Pascha (Orthodox)
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
May 4	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)* (Jewish)
May 6	Ascension (Christian)
May 16	Hajj (First Day) ** (Islamic)
May 16	Pentecost (Christian)
May 16-17	Eid-ul-Adua (Feast of Sacrifice)** (Islamic)
May 20	Visakha Puja (Buddha Day, Vesak) (Buddhist)
May 24	Declaration of the Báb* (Bahá'í)
May 29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
June 10-12	Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)* (Jewish)

*Religious observance begins at sundown of the previous day and ends at sundown on the date listed. Note that some Jewish fast days (with no asterisk) begin at sunrise and end at sunset on the same day.

** Religious observance begins at lunar sighting of the previous day and ends at lunar sighting on the date listed, All such dates are estimated and may vary.

#Religious observances may vary significantly by region, country of origin, or ethnic, or cultural group. This date reflects listing in Interfaith Calendar or ADL Calendar.

