2025-2026 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 2025)

Date	Observance
Jul 5	Day of Aashoraa **(Islamic)
Jul 9	Martyrdom of Bab *(Baha'i)
Jul 10	Asala Puja (Dharma Day) # (Buddhist)
Jul 13	Tzom Tammux (Jewish)
Aug 3	Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
Aug 13-15	Ulambana (Obon)# (Buddhist)
Aug 15	Assumption (Christian)
Aug 16	Krishna Janmashtami (Jayanti) (Hindu)
Aug 21-28	Paryushan Parva# (Jain)
Sep 22-24	Rosh Hashanah* (Jewish New Year) (Jewish)
Sep 25	Tzom Gedaliah (Jewish)
Oct 1-2	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)* (Jewish)
Oct 6-13	Sukkot (Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles)* (Jewish)
Oct 14	Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)* (Jewish)
Oct 15	Simchat Torah* (Jewish)
Oct 20	Diwali/Deepavali # (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)
Oct 22	Birth of the Báb* (Bahá'í)
Oct 23	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh* (Bahá'í)
Nov 1	All Saints Day (Christian)
Nov 5	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev (Sikh)
Nov 25	Day of the Covenant* (Bahá'í)
Nov 27	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá* (Bahá'í)
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Christian)
Dec 14-22	Chanukah (Hanukkah, Festival of Lights)* (Jewish)
Dec 25	Christmas Day (Christian)
Dec 26	Death of Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroastrian)
Dec 30	Asara B'Tevet (Jewish)

SECOND SEMESTER (Spring 2026)

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 17	Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday) (Christian)
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) (Christian)
Feb 18	Ramadan, First Day** (Islamic)
Feb 18-Apr 4	Lent (Christian)
Feb 23-Mar 11	Lent (Orthodox)
Feb 25-Mar 1	Ayyám-i-Ha* (Bahá'í)
Mar 2	Ta'anit Esther (Jewish)
Mar 2-20	Bahá'í'Fast* (Bahá'í)
Mar 3	Magha Puja (Sangha Day) (Buddhist)
Mar 3	Purim (Festival of Lots)* (Jewish)
Mar 3	Holi* # (Hindu, Sikh)
Mar 19	Eid-ul-Fitr (end of Ramadan)** (Islamic)
Mar 21	Naw-Rúz* (Bahá'í)
Mar 29	Palm Sunday (Christian)
Apr 1	Ta'anit Bechorot (Jewish)
Apr 1	Pesach (Passover)* (Jewish)
Apr 1-2	Pesach (Passover), First Days* (Jewish)
Apr 3	Good Friday (Christian)
Apr 9	Pesach (Passover), Concluding Days* (Jewish)
Apr 10	Holy Friday (Orthodox)
Apr 12	Easter/Pascha (Orthodox)
Apr 13-14	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)* (Jewish)
Apr 14	Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (Hindu, Sikh)
Apr 21	Festival of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
Apr 21-May 2	First Day of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
Apr 29	Ninth Day of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
May 1	Visakha Puja (Buddha Day, Vesak) (Buddhist)
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridván* (Bahá'í)
May 14	Ascension (Christian)
May 22	Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)* (Jewish)
May 24	Declaration of the Báb* (Bahá'í)
May 24	Pentecost (Christian)
May 25-29	Hajj (First Day) ** (Islamic)
May 27	Eid-ul-Adua (Feast of Sacrifice)** (Islamic)
May 29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)

*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.