

Holidays and Observances for the 2025-26 School Year

Edina Public Schools

The vision of Edina Public Schools is for **each and every** student to discover their possibilities and thrive. Our School District encompasses a diverse community that celebrates many different observances and holidays. In order to meet the vision and grow an inclusive and equitable school culture we would like to acknowledge the holidays and observances people believe to be important to them.

Please note that **this is in no way an exhaustive list of all holidays or observances** important to EPS families. If you know of some we may have missed please let us know and we will add those to the list. Email information updates to Sayali.Amarapurkar@edinaschools.org

This list has been created to provide guidance for teachers and staff. Please be mindful of the days below as these occasions are observed by a significant number of staff, students and families in our district. Absences around major observances may be greater than normal.

CPSS Goal for H&O Calendar

To be **aware & acknowledge** differences, keep a **curious mind** and **learn how to be inclusive** of each and every student

Teachers/Staff: Let's focus on "Opening Doors" -

- Avoid making assumptions that all students or staff who identify with a particular faith observe religious holidays, or that they observe them in the same way.
- Respect and support each student's decision to observe important holidays or religious practices in a way that is meaningful to them.
- Take the time to learn about the major holidays and observances your students participate in, so you can offer reasonable accommodations such as extensions on homework, major projects, or exams.
- Please note that a student's participation in religious observances may be contingent upon prior notification from their caregivers. In cases of uncertainty, it is advisable to communicate directly with the parent or guardian for confirmation.

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Key:

* Major celebrations/observances

No Student Days

Faith Observances

National Holidays

Here is the 2025-26 school calendar [2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

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Date	Day	Faith: Description of the observance	Holiday/Observance
8/20 to 8/27/25	Wed-Wed	Jainism: A festival about forgiveness that is the faith's most important religious observance.	*Paryushana Jain Festivals and Celebrations 2025: A Complete Guide - India's Biggest Dashakarma Bhandar Poojn.in.
08/27/25	Wed	Hinduism: First day of the 10-day Ganesh festival marking the birth of the deity Ganesha, the god of prosperity and wisdom	*Ganesh Chaturthi (Some people fast) Ganesha Chaturthi: the day to celebrate Ganesha's birth - Hindu American Foundation
9/1/25	Mon	(District Holiday)	Labor Day
9/4 - 9/5/25	Thu-Fri	Islam: the Birthday of Muhammad	*Mawlid aka Eid Milad Birthday of the Prophet: Mawlid al-Nabi The Pluralism Project
9/15/25 - 10/15/25	Mon-Wed	Honors the culture & contributions of both Hispanic and Latin Americans	National Hispanic Heritage Month Hispanic Heritage Month Resources National Museum of the American Latino
09/22/25	Mon	(No Students)	Professional Dev Day
09/22 – 09/24/25	Mon-Wed	Judaism: the Jewish New Year, a time for reflection in the faith.	*Rosh Hashanah (No work is permitted) Rosh Hashanah 2025 - The Jewish New Year -

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			Chabad.org
09/22–10/01/25	Mon-Wed	Hinduism: (First Day of) *Navaratri, an annual Hindu festival observed in the honor of the goddess Durga. It spans over nine nights.	*Navaratri What is Navaratri Hindu Life at Yale
10/1 - 10/2/25	Wed-Thu	Judaism: Yom Kippur. This is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish faith. The central themes of Yom Kippur are atonement and repentance	*Yom Kippur A Day of Fasting. (No work is permitted) Yom Kippur 2025 - The Day of Atonement - Chabad.org
10/02/25	Thu	Hinduism, Jainism: Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami or “the day of victory,” is the tenth day after the nine nights of Navratri.	*Dussehra Dussehra or Vijayadashmi - Why Do We Celebrate It?
10/6 to 10/13/25	Mon-Mon	Judaism: A week long holiday in the Jewish faith that celebrates when the Jews journeyed out of Egypt in huts (sukkah).	Sukkot Sukkot - Chabad.org (No work is permitted on first few days)
10/13/25	Mon	According MN State Statute: On Indigenous Peoples Day, at least one hour of the school program must be devoted to observance of the day. As part of its observance of Indigenous Peoples Day, a district may provide professional development to teachers and staff, or instruction to students	Indigenous People’s Day : Celebrated on the second Monday in October every year. 5 things to know about Indigenous Peoples Day PBS News.
10/13- 10/14/25	Mon-Tue	Judaism: Celebrating the completion of and immediate beginning of the annual Torah reading cycle	Simchat Torah Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah - Chabad.org (No work is permitted)
10/16–10/17/25	Thu-Fri	(No Students)	Education MN Convention
10/17/25- 10/23/25	Fri-Thu	Jainism, Sikhism, Hinduism: A 5-day festival of lights that	*Diwali HAF's Diwali Toolkit -

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		combines several different festivals in honor of gods, goddesses, harvests, new year's, etc.	Hindu American Foundation
10/22/25	Wed	Baha'i : A day honoring the birthday of God's messenger in the Ba ha'i faith.	* Birth of the Báb The Birth of the Bab Baha'i Blog Baha'i Calendar
10/23/25	Thu	Baha'i : One of the nine holy days in the Baha'i faith that honors the birthday of one of the co-founders.	* Birth of Bahá'u'lláh Bahá'ís suspend work and school on these Holy Days. Baha'i Holidays and Observances - Holidays and Cultural Observances - LibGuides at Arizona State University
11/1/25-11/30/25	Sat-Sun	Celebrates the culture and heritage of Native American individuals/families	National Native American Heritage Month 8 Ways to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month - Boys & Girls Clubs of America
11/1/25	Sat	Christianity : A commemoration day for all Christian saints. It is a public holiday in over 50 countries.	* All Saints Day celebrated every year on Nov 1st All Saints' Day around the world in 2025 Office Holidays
11/2/25	Sun	Mexican celebration: a traditional Mexican holiday. On this day, it is believed that the souls of the dead return to visit their living family members.	Day of the Dead or Día de los Muertos Day of the Dead in Mexico in 2025 Office Holidays
11/04/25	Tue	(No Students)	Election Day Professional Development Day/Conferences
11/11/25	Tue		Veterans Day The Origins of Veterans Day

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			National WWI Museum and Memorial.
11/26/25	Wed	(No Students)	Teacher Comp for Evening Conferences
11/27/-11/28/25	Thu-Fri	District Holiday(No Students) – (Buildings Closed)	*Thanksgiving Break
12/07/25	Sun	Latin American Christian Holiday, Takes place on Dec 7th every year	Day of the (Little)12 Candles Spectacular Little Candles Day in Colombia
12/14/25 -12/22/25	Sun-Mon	Judaism:8-day, wintertime “festival of lights,”celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting	*Chanukah Hanukkah - Chanukah 2025
12/16/25-12/24/25	Tue-Wed	Christianity: religious festival in Mexico and some parts of the U.S. (primarily those with Mexican-Americans)	*Las Posadas (Mexican) LAS POSADAS - December 16-24, 2024 - National Today
12/22/25 -01/02/26	Mon-Fri	(No Students)	Winter Break
12/24-12/25/25	Wed-Thu	Christianity: celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.	*Christmas District Holiday (Buildings Closed)
12/26/25- 01/01/26	Fri-Thu	African American Holiday– 8-day holiday inspired by African harvest celebrations. It is observed from December 26th to January 1st each year, culminating in a festive gathering known as the Karamu Ya Imani (Feast of Faith)	*Kwanzaa Official Kwanzaa Website
01/01/26	Thu	(District Holiday)	*New Year’s Day
01/14/26	Wed	Hinduism: a harvest festival marking the arrival of Spring.	*Makar Sankranti Lohri, Makar Sankranti, and Pongal: India's winter harvest festivals - Hindu American Foundation Makar Sankranti: Reaping

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			the Benefits of the Season
01/16/26	Fri	(No Students)	Teacher Data Day
01/19/26	Mon	(District Holiday) National Holiday	Martin Luther King, Jr Day
02/1/26 to 02/28/26	Sun-Sat	Celebrates the culture and heritage of African American individuals/families	Black History Month Black History Month: Facts, Origins & Quotes
02/16/26	Mon	National Holiday/ Day of Service (District Holiday)	Presidents Day Holiday
02/17/26	Tue	(No Students)	Professional Dev Day
02/17/26	Tue	Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism: a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and countries with a significant overseas Chinese population.	*Lunar New Year Lunar New Year Traditions and Superstitions, Explained
02/17/26-03/19/26	Tue-Thu	Islam: Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, which is spent by Muslims fasting from dawn to sunset, and with extra prayers.	*Ramadan 9 Ways To Support Students During Ramadan
02/18/26	Wed	Christianity Also known as first day of Lent	Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Christianity, Definition, History, Meaning, & Facts Britannica
02/25/26- 02/29/26	Wed-Sun	Baha'i: is a period of celebration devoted to charity, gift-giving and festivities prior to the annual period of fasting.	Ayyám-i-Há An Introduction to Ayyam-i-Ha Baha'i Blog
03/02/26-03/20/26	Mon-Fri	Bahá'í: The month of fasting, during which Bahá'ís from	*Bahá'í Fast Fasting Devotion

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		the age of 15 abstain from food and drink between sunrise and sunset.)	The Life of the Spirit What Bahá'ís Believe
03/02/26- 03/03/ 26	Mon-Tue	Judaism: Celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish people in Persia and the bravery of Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordechai.	Purim Purim - Chabad.org
03/03/26	Tue	(No Students)	Professional Development Day/Conferences or Teacher Comp for Evening Conferences*
03/03/26- 03/04/ 26	Tue-Wed	Hinduism: Holi is a two day festival in the Spring	*Holi/Festival of Colors Holi hai! - Hindu American Foundation
03/16/26–3/20/26	Mon-Fri	(No students)	Spring break
03/19/26-03/20/26	Thu-Fri	Islam: marks the end of Ramadan (month long fasting) and the beginning of a feast that breaks the fast.	*Eid al-Fitr Learning About Eid al-Fitr & Eid al-Adha WeTeachNYC
03/20/2026	Fri	Persian, Baha'i: New Year's day according to Persian calendar and marks the beginning of Spring	*New-Ruz Nowruz 2025 - Iranian New Year 2025 - SURFIRAN
04/01/26-04/09/26	Wed-Thu	Judaism: celebrates the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt and liberation from slavery.	*Passover No work permitted on some days Passover (Pesach) - Festival of Liberation - Chabad.org
04/02/26	Thu	Christianity	Holy Thursday Maundy Thursday around the world in 2026 Office Holidays
04/03/26	Fri	Christianity	*Good Friday The Origins and Practices of Holidays: Good Friday Boston Public Library.

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04/05/26	Sun	Christianity	*Easter What is Easter? History, Meaning, Traditions Twinkl USA
04/10/26	Fri	(No students)	Professional Dev Day
04/20/26-05/02/26	Mon-Sat	Bahá'í: Ridván is a twelve-day long festival in the Baha'i faith	1st day of Ridván FESTIVAL OF RIDVAN - National Today.
05/01/26-05/31/26	Fri-Sun	Celebrates the culture and heritage of Asian American individuals/families	National AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Heritage Month Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
05/01- 05/02/26	Fri-Sat	Bahá'í	12th day of Ridván What Happened on the 12th Day of Ridvan? Baha'i Blog
05/10/26	Sun	Buddhism	*Birth of Gautam Buddha
05/21/26-05/23/26	Thu-Sat	Judaism	Shavuot What Is Shavuot (Shavuot)? - Chabad.org
05/22/26	Fri	Bahá'í	Declaration of the Báb The Declaration of the Bab Baha'i Blog
05/25/26	Mon	National holiday	Memorial Day Holiday - (Buildings Closed)
05/26/26- 05/27/26	Tue-Wed	Islam: Eid al-Adha is the second of two major holidays observed by Muslims across the world. It is celebrated over 4 days & coincides with the last day of Hajj.	*Eid-Al-Adha What is Eid Al-Adha? The Feast of Sacrifice - Twinkl
6/19/26	Fri	National Holiday (No students)	Juneteenth Holiday - District Holiday (Buildings Closed)