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Inclusive Calendar Considerations School Year 2026-2027

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) 2026-2027	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	July 22-23, 2026				✓ F	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	September 4, 2026				✓ F	
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	September 12-13, 2026		✓	✓		Impacts majority in faith; Begins sundown 9/11
Yom Kippur	Jewish	September 21, 2026	✓ Absent	✓	✓	✓ F	Impacts majority in faith; Begins sundown 9/20
Sukkot	Jewish	September 25 - October 2, 2026	✓ Absent				Impacts some in faith; 10/2 may be absent
Simchat Torah	Jewish	October 3, 2026					Impacts some in faith
Diwali /Deepavali	Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist	November 8, 2026	✓ Absent	✓	✓	✓ F, P	



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Twin Holy Days (Birth of the Báb, Birth of Bahá'u'lláh)	Bahá'í	November 10, 2026 November 11, 2026	✓ Absent				Work & school suspended Begins at sunset 11/9
Chanukah	Jewish	December 4-12, 2026					N/A No school
Epiphany	Christian	January 7, 2027					
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 6-7, 2027				✓ F	
Ramadan	Muslim	February 7 - March 9, 2027				✓ F	Late night prayers; Start date may vary, based on lunar calendar
Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 10, 2027	✓ Tardy	✓	✓	✓ F	
Clean Monday	Christian Orthodox	March 15, 2027	✓ Absent			✓ F	
Bahá'í Fast Month of 'Alá'	Bahá'í	March 2-20, 2027				✓ F	Daylight fasting for ages 15+
Purim	Jewish	March 22-23, 2027					Begins at evening of 3/22
Eid al-Fitr	Muslim	March 9-10, 2027	✓ Absent	✓	✓		Begins at sunset; Start date may vary, based on lunar calendar



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Naw-Rúz	Bahá'í	March 21, 2027		✓			Work & school suspended; Begins sunset 3/20
Palm Sunday	Christian	March 21, 2027					
Passover	Jewish	April 21-29, 2027	✓ Absent	✓	✓	✓ Special Diet, No Bread	Note: April 5-9 CSD Spring Break Begins Evening of 4/21; Absences 4/22 & 4/29
Maundy Thursday	Christian	March 25, 2027					Evening Service
Good Friday	Christian	March 26, 2027	✓ Absent	✓		✓ F, P	
Holy Saturday	Christian	March 27, 2027					Note: April 5-9 CSD Spring Break
Easter	Christian	March 28, 2027					N/A No School
Easter	Christian Orthodox	May 2, 2027					April 12, 2026
Epiphany	Christian	January 7, 2027					January 19, 2026
Ridván	Bahá'í	April 20 - May 2, 2027	✓ Absent	✓			Work/School Suspended 4/21, 4/29, & 5/2; Begins sunset 4/20



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Shavuot	Jewish	June 10-12, 2027					
Eid al-Adha	Muslim	May 16-17, 2027	✓ Absent	✓	✓		Begins at sunset; Start date may vary, based on lunar calendar
Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'í	May 24, 2027	✓ Absent				Begins the evening of 5/23
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	May 29, 2027					