2026-27

BPS Religious Observances Instructional Guidance

Our district is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every student feels respected, valued, and supported. Because some religious holy days occur during the school year, we make accommodations to honor students who may be observing these important occasions with their families and faith communities.

When the holy days listed below fall on a school day, teachers will avoid introducing major new content, assigning homework, or scheduling tests, quizzes, major presentations, or other significant academic deadlines on the day of the observance. To ensure students have adequate time to prepare, tests and quizzes will also not be scheduled for the day immediately following the observance.

In addition, schools will avoid scheduling field trips, performances, and other schoolwide events on these designated dates, including observances that begin at sundown the evening before.

These practices help ensure that students can fully participate in their religious traditions without feeling disadvantaged academically or excluded from school experiences. By honoring these observances, we strengthen our commitment to belonging, respect, and inclusion for all members of our school community.

District-wide accommodations will be provided for the following holy days when they occur during the school year: Easter, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah

Sundown on 9/11 - 9/13/2026

Yom Kippur

Sundown on 9/20 - 9/21/2026

*Eid al-Fitr**

Sundown on 3/9 - 3/10/2027

Easter

3/28/2027

*Passover***

4/21 - 4/29/2027

*Eid al-Adha**

5/16 - 5/17/2027

*Please note that the dates of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha may shift based on the lunar calendar.

**To support students observing Passover, instructional considerations will be in place on the primary observance dates of April 21, April 22, April 28, and April 29.

While many holy days are listed above, the list is not exhaustive. The attached calendar lists many of the holidays celebrated in our district. Students and families have been encouraged to speak directly with teachers if they observe other religious holidays and need to reschedule significant coursework, including new material, homework, tests, quizzes, or major presentations assigned the evening before or after the observance. Teachers are advised to honor such requests.

2026-27 Religious Observances/Holidays Calendar

Holiday/Observance	Religious Group	Date(s)	Year	Additional Notes	District Provisions
Feast of the Assumption	Roman Catholic	Saturday, August 15	2026		
Labor Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Monday, September 7	2026		
Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	Evening of Friday, September 11 – Sunday, September 13	2026		Yes
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	Evening of Sunday, September 20 – Monday, September 21	2026		Yes
Sukkot (Feast of Booths)	Jewish	Evening of Friday, September 25 - Sunday, September 27	2026		
Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)	Jewish	Evening of Friday, September 25 – Friday, October 2	2026		
Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah	Jewish	Evening of Friday, October 2- Sunday, October 4	2026		

Indigenous Peoples Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Monday, October 12	2026	
Navratri/Dussehra	Hindu	October 20	2026	Celebrated from October 11-20, with a culminating celebration on October 20
Kathina	Theravada Buddhist	Tuesday, October 27 – Tuesday, November 24	2026	
Diwali	Hindu	Sunday, November 8	2026	
Veterans Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Wednesday, November 11	2026	
Thanksgiving Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Thursday, November 26	2026	
Native American Heritage Day		Friday, November 27	2026	
Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Evening of Friday, December 4 – Saturday, December 12	2026	
Bodhi	Buddhism	Tuesday, December 8	2026	

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation	Catholic	Tuesday, December 8	2026	
Winter Solstice		Monday, December 21	2026	
Christmas Eve	Christian	Thursday, December 24	2026	
Christmas Day	Christian	Friday, December 25	2026	
Kwanzaa	Interfaith	Saturday, December 26 – Friday, January 1	2026-27	
New Year’s Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Friday, January 1	2027	
Orthodox Christmas/ Feast of the Nativity	Eastern Orthodox	Thursday, January 7	2027	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Monday, January 18	2027	
Lunar New Year		Saturday, February 6	2027	Chinese Public Holiday February 5-12

**Ramadan	Islamic	Evening of Sunday, February 7 – Monday, March 8	2027	These dates are not fixed. See note below.	
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Wednesday, February 10	2027		
Lent	Eastern Orthodox	Wednesday, February 10 – Thursday, March 25	2027		
Presidents' Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Monday, February 15	2027		
**Eid al-Fitr	Islamic	Evening of Tuesday, March 9 – Wednesday, March 10	2027	These dates are not fixed. See note below. Marks the end of the month of Ramadan.	Yes
Palm Sunday	Christian	Sunday, March 21	2027		
Holi	Hindu	Monday, March 22	2027		
Purim	Jewish	Evening of Monday, March 22-Tuesday, March 23	2027		
Good Friday	Christian	Friday, March 26	2027		
Easter	Christian	Sunday, March 28	2027		Yes

Passover (Pesach)	Jewish	Evening of Wednesday, April 21 – Thursday, April 29	2027	*April 21-22 and 28-29 are primary obligation days.	Yes
Orthodox Palm Sunday	Eastern Orthodox	Sunday, April 25	2027		
Orthodox Good Friday	Eastern Orthodox	Friday, April 30	2027		
Orthodox Easter	Eastern Orthodox	Sunday, May 2	2027		
**Eid al-Adha	Islamic	Evening of Sunday, May 16 – Monday, May 17	2027	These dates are not fixed. See note below.	Yes
Memorial Day	U.S. Federal Holiday	Monday, May 31	2027		
Shavuot	Jewish	Evening of Thursday, June 10 – Saturday, June 12	2027		
Juneteenth	U.S. Federal Holiday	Saturday, June 19	2027		
Summer Solstice		Monday, June 21	2027		

** Different calendars may reflect slight variations or approximate dates. Some holy days are determined by the lunar calendar, so exact dates are finalized closer to the observance as lunar phases are monitored.