



Religious Holy Days 2023-2024 Observances

The Dublin City School District celebrates its diversity and welcomes families from over 100 countries from many backgrounds. The purpose of this list of Holy Days is multifaceted, including to: 1) Provide students with the flexibility to make-up missed work/tests, etc. when school is missed. 2) Create awareness for staff when scheduling important events and activities.

DCS recognizes the value and sense of belonging that comes from one's religious practices. Our goal is for members of our learning community to be able to engage in religious observances important to their families without experiencing negative consequences. This list is designed for informational purposes, contains the "most holy" days shared with us by community members, and does not include every major holy day. Due to variations in cultural and regional religious practices and the use of different calendars, some dates of holidays may vary from these listed below. Days included on this list take place during the school week.

Staff should use this list to consider the manner in which holy days might impact student class attendance or their ability to complete assignments on respective due dates and are asked to exercise flexibility. **Administration, coaches, advisors, and student organizations** should consider this list when scheduling district-wide, school-wide, or team events and programming. Efforts should be made with the best intentions, however, conflicts may not always be avoidable due to the size of our district and other logistical factors.

Students and families interested in holy days accommodations for class and assignments, attendance or athletic practices and/or competition should contact staff or coaches well in advance, at least two weeks if possible, with such requests. The [Religious Holy Day staff notification template](#) is a resource that can be used to reach out to staff, advisors, or coaches. Families should notify their school's attendance office of absences for holy days per the District's attendance policy.

The below list contains special days observed by many students, their families, and staff in our community. This list will be updated annually and posted to the DCS website. The following list is exhaustive, but not complete; please direct suggestions or corrections to this list of Holy Days to info@dublinschools.net.

NOTES:

All Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the first date shown.

Holy days that have historically had a higher number of students absent are noted with an asterisk*.

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DATE	HOLY DAY	RELIGION
JUNE		
28-29	Eid al-Adha*	Islam
SEPTEMBER		
15-17	Rosh Hashanah (<i>New Year</i>)*	Jewish
19	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
24-25	Yom Kippur (<i>Day of Atonement</i>)*	Jewish
NOVEMBER		
12	Diwali	Hindu
JANUARY		
7-8	Orthodox Christmas	Christian Orthodox
25	Mahayana (<i>New Year</i>)#	Buddhist
FEBRUARY		
14	Ash Wednesday (<i>Beginning of Lent</i>)	Christian
MARCH		
8	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
11	Beginning of Ramadan#	Islam
29	Good Friday	Christian
APRIL		
10	Eid al-Fitr (<i>End of Ramadan</i>)*#	Islam
17	Ram Navami	Hindu
MAY		
3	Orthodox Good Friday	Christian Orthodox
23	Vesak (<i>Buddha's Birthday</i>)	Buddhist

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