

IUSD Religious and Cultural Observances Calendar 2019-2020

Please share this religious holiday and cultural observance information for planning purposes, and remind all staff of the following regulations related to religious absences:

- **A student absent from school due to the observance of a religious holiday or ceremony shall be provided all of the accommodations typically afforded to students returning from excused absences.**
- **Students shall be allowed to complete all assignments (that can reasonably be provided) and make up tests missed during the absence. Upon satisfactory completion of the assignments, students shall receive full credit.**
- **The teacher of the class from which the student is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.**

Interfaith Calendar: <http://interfaith-calendar.org/2019.htm>

Holiday/ Celebration	Average Number of Student Absences	Date(s)	Absence Details	Additional Resources
Shavuot	>10	Sunday* 6/9/2019 to Monday 6/10/2019	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Shavuot: https://reformjudaism.org/ jewish-holidays/shavuot
Eid al-Adha	585	Monday* 8/12/2019 thru Thursday 8/15/2019	*Begins at sundown the day before this date	Eid al-Adha: https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-al-adha-2018/
Ashura	>10	Tuesday* 9/10/2019	*Begins at sundown the day before this date	Ashura: https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/ashura-2019/

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Rosh Hashanah	340	Monday* 9/30/2019 and Tuesday 10/1/2019	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Rosh Hashanah: https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/rosh-hashanah
Yom Kippur	450	Wednesday* 10/9/2019	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Yom Kippur: https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/yom-kippur-day-atonement
Hanukkah	>10	Monday* 12/23/2019 ending Monday 12/30/2019	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Hanukkah: https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah
Chinese New Year		Saturday 1/25/20*	*The Chinese New Year begins on 1/25/20. Children may be absent on 1/24/20 for New Year's Eve.	Chinese New Year: http://www.chinesenewyears.info/
Purim	>10	Tuesday 3/10/2020	Although this holiday does not demand absence from school, many Jewish children attend evening services. Therefore no meetings should be planned for the evenings of 3/9/20 or 3/10/20	Purim: https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/purim
Norooz	340	Friday 3/20/2020 – Saturday 3/21/2020	Persian Zoroastrian (new year)	Norooz: https://goo.gl/eE99
Passover	170	Thursday* 4/9/2020 to Wednesday 4/15/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Passover: https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach

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Good Friday	40	Friday 4/10/2020		Good Friday: https://www.catholic.org/lent/friday.php
Ramadan	<10	Begins on Friday 4/24/2020 until Sunday 5/24/2020	Please note that this holiday observance continues for 30 days and often involves fasting. *Begins at sundown the day before this date	Ramadan: https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/ramadan-2019/
Shavuot	>10	Friday* 5/29/2020 to Saturday 5/30/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Shavuot: https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/shavuot
Eid al Fitr	>10	Friday* 6/5/2020 thru Sunday 6/7/2020 (date for North America)	Varies from country to country *Begins at sundown the day before this date	Eid al Fitr: https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-al-fitr-2019/