

## IUSD Religious and Cultural Observances Calendar 2020-2021

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/2020.htm>

Holiday/ Celebration	Average Number of Student Absences	Date(s)	Absence Details	Additional Resources
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: <a href="https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-ul-fitr-2020/">https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-ul-fitr-2020/</a>
Eid al-Adha	585	Friday* 7/31/2020 thru Monday 8/3/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date	Eid al-Adha: <a href="https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-al-adha-2020/">https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-al-adha-2020/</a>
Ashura	>10	Saturday* 8/29/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date	Ashura: <a href="https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/ashura-2020/">https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/ashura-2020/</a>

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Rosh Hashanah	340	Saturday* 9/19/2020 and Sunday 9/20/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Rosh Hashanah: <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/rosh-hashanah">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/rosh-hashanah</a>
Yom Kippur	450	Monday* 9/28/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Yom Kippur: <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/yom-kippur-day-atonement">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/yom-kippur-day-atonement</a>
Hanukkah	>10	Friday* 12/11/2020 ending Friday 12/18/2020	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Hanukkah: <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah</a>
Chinese New Year		Saturday 2/12/2021*	*The Chinese New Year begins on 2/12/21. Children may be absent on 2/11/21 for New Year's Eve	Chinese New Year: <a href="http://www.chinesenewyears.info/">http://www.chinesenewyears.info/</a>
Purim	>10	Friday 2/26/2021*	*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 2/25/21 or 2/26/21	Purim: <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/purim">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/purim</a>
Norooz	340	Saturday 3/20/2021 – Sunday 3/21/2021	Persian Zoroastrian (new year)	Norooz: <a href="http://www.iranchamber.com/culture/articles/norooz_iranian_new_year.php">http://www.iranchamber.com/culture/articles/norooz_iranian_new_year.php</a>

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Passover	170	Saturday* 3/27/2021 to Saturday 4/3/2021	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Passover: <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach</a>
Good Friday	40	Friday 4/2/2021		Good Friday: <a href="https://www.catholic.org/length/friday.php">https://www.catholic.org/length/friday.php</a>
Ramadan	<10	Begins on Tuesday* 4/13/2021 until Wednesday 5/12/2021	<b>Please note that this holiday observance continues for 30 days and often involves fasting.</b> *Begins at sundown the day before this date	Ramadan: <a href="https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/ramadan-2020/">https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/ramadan-2020/</a>
Eid al Fitr	>10	Friday* 5/14/2021 thru Sunday 5/16/2021 (date for North America)	Varies from country to country *Begins at sundown the day before this date	Eid al Fitr: <a href="https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-al-fitr-2019/">https://www.islamicfinder.org/special-islamic-days/eid-al-fitr-2019/</a>
Shavuot	>10	Sunday* 5/16/2021 to Monday 5/17/2021	*Begins at sundown the day before this date and concludes at sunset on the final day of the holiday	Shavuot: <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/shavuot">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/shavuot</a>