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5225 - **ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

It is the policy of the School Board that absences from school for observance of a religious holiday or because of the tenets of a student's religion forbid secular activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to compliance with this policy.

The following religious holidays for the 2020-2021 school year for which student absence will be excused:

A. July

1. ~~July 4th — Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)~~
2. ~~July 5th — Guru Purnima~~
3. July 9th - Martyrdom of the Bab* (Baha'i)
4. July 17th - 22nd - Hajj DAY (Islam)
5. July 18th
 1. Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
 2. Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
6. ~~July 25th — Naga Panchami (Hindu)~~
7. ~~July 28th — August 2nd — Hajj Day (Islam)~~
8. ~~July 29th — Yawm al Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
9. ~~July 30th~~
 - a. ~~Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)~~
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 - b. ~~Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
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10. July 19th~~31st~~ - Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
11. July 19th - 23rd - Eid al-Adha (Islam)
 1. Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
 2. Guru Purnima
12. July 27th - Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

B. August

1. August 1st
 - a. Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

- b. Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
- 2. ~~August 3rd - Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)~~
- 3. ~~August 7th - Transfiguration of the Lord (Orthodox Christian)~~
- 4. ~~August 11th - Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)~~
- 5. August 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 6. August 9th
 - 1. 1st Muharram (Islamic New Year)
 - 2. 1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 7. August 9th - 18th - Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 8. August 12th - 23rd - Onam* (Hindu)
- 9. August 13th - Naga Panchami (Hindu)
- 10. August 13th-15th - Obon (Buddhist)

11. August 15th

- a. Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)

- b. Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)

12. ~~August 16th - 23rd - Paryushana (Jain)~~

13. ~~August 19th - 1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

14. ~~August 19th - 28th - Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

15. ~~August 20th - 1st Muharram (Islamic New Year)~~

16. August 18th - Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

17. August 22nd

- a. Ulambana (Buddhist)

- b. Raksha Bandhan/Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

18. ~~August 22nd - September 2nd - Onam (Hindu)~~

19. ~~August 28th - Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

20. August 30th - Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)

C. September

1. September 1st - Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

2. ~~September 7th - His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)~~

3. September 3rd - 10th - Paryushana (Jain)

4. September 6th - 8th - Rosh Hashana (Jewish)

5. September 7th

- 1. His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)

- 2. Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

6. September 7th - 29th - Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)

7. September 8th - Nativity of ~~Virgin~~ Mary (Christian)

8. ~~September 18th - 20th - Rosh Hashana (Jewish)~~

9. ~~September 19th - Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~

10. September 10th - Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

11. September 16th

- 1. Yom Kippur (Jewish)

- 2. Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

12. September 21st - Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

13. September 21st - 27th

- 1. Sukkot (Jewish)

- 2. Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

14. September 21st - 29th - Mabon - (Wicca/Pagan)

15. September 27th-

1. The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
2. Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
16. September 28th- Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
 - a. Yom Kippur (Jewish)
 - b. Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

17. September 29th - Simchat Torah (Jewish)

D. October

1. ~~October 2nd - 9th - Observance~~ ~~October 2nd - 9th Sukkot (Jewish)~~
2. ~~October 3rd - 9th - East of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~
3. ~~October 7th - Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
4. ~~October 9th - 11th - Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)~~
5. ~~October 10th - Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~
6. ~~October 11th - Simchat Torah (Jewish)~~
7. October 7th~~17th~~ - 15th~~26th~~ - Navaratri (Hindu)
8. October 18th - Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
9. October 19th - Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)
10. ~~October 19th - Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)~~

11. October 20th

- a. Birth of Bab (Baha'i)
- b. Installation of Scriptures of Guru Granth (Sikh)

12. ~~October 28th - Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

13. ~~October 29th - Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)~~

14. October 22nd - Urus-Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

E. November

1. November 1st

- a. All Saints' Day (Christian)
- b. Samhain-Beltane* (Wicca)

2. November 2nd - All Souls' Day (Christian)

3. November 5th - Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)

4. November 7th - Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

5. November 9th - Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

6. ~~November 14th - Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali, and Sikh)~~

7. ~~November 15th - Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)~~

8. ~~November 19th - Milad Imam uz Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

9. November 12th - 16th - Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali, and Sikh)

10. November 21st - The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

11. November 24th - Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)~~Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur (Sikh)~~

12. November 25th -

1. Day of Covenant (Baha'i)

2. Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

13. November 27th - Ascension of 'Abdul' Baha (Baha'i)

14. November 28th -

1. Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

2. First Sunday of Advent (Christian)

15. ~~November 27th - Ascension of 'Abdul' Baha (Baha'i)~~

16. ~~November 30th - Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)~~

17. November 28th - December 6th - Hanukkah (Jewish)

18. November 29th - Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)

F. December

1. ~~December 5th - Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

2. December 8th - Immaculate Conception (Christian)

3. ~~December 11th - 18th Hanukkah (Jewish)~~

4. December 21st - 22nd - Yule (Wicca and Christian)

5. December 25th

a. Christmas (Christian)

b. The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

6. December 26th - Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)

G. January

1. January 1st

a. Gantan-sai (Shinto)

b. Mary, Mother of God (Catholic Christian)

2. January 3rd - 10th - Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)

3. January 5th - Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib (Sikh)

4. January 6th

a. Feast of Epiphany (Christian)

b. Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

c. Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)

5. January 7th - Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

6. January 13th - Maghi (Sikh)

7. January 14th - Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)

8. January 16th~~17th~~ - World Religion Day* (Baha'i)

9. ~~January 20th - Bodhi Day~~

10. January 17th~~28th~~ - Tu B'shvat (Jewish)

H. February

1. February 1st - Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)~~Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)~~

2. February 2nd -

1. The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

2. Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)

3. ~~February 12th - Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)~~

4. February 3rd~~14th~~ - 12th~~23rd~~ - Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)

5. February 5th - Vasant Panchami (Hindu)

6. February 15th - Nirvana Day* (Buddhist ~~and Jain~~)

7. February 16th - Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

a. Shrove Tuesday (Christian)

b. Vasant Panchami (Hindu)

8. February 17th—Ash Wednesday (Christian)

9. February 17th~~25th~~—Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)

10. February 25th—28th—Intercalary Days (Baha'i)

11. February 26th—Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

12. February 27th—Purim (Jewish)

13. February 17th - Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)

14. February 20th - Urus - Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

15. February 26th - March 1st - Intercalary Days (Baha'i)

16. February 28th - Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

I. March

1. March 2nd—Urus—Syedna Taher Saifuddin

2. March 10th—Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

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3. March 1st~~11th~~

a. Shrove Tuesday (Christian)

b. Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)

c. Lailat al Miraj (Islam)

4. March 2nd - Ash Wednesday (Christian)

5. March 7th - Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

6. March 13th - L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)

7. March 15th—Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

8. March 17th - Purim (Jewish)

9. March 18th

1. Holi (Hindu)

2. Hola Mohalla (Sikh)

10. March 19th - Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)

11. March 20th - Ostara (Wicca)

12. March 21st- Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)

a. Ostara (Wicca)

b. Mabon (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

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c. Nowruz (Zoroastrian)

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d. Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)

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13. March 22nd - Nowruz (Zoroastrian)

14. March 25th

a. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)

b. The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

15. March 26th - Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)

16. ~~March 27th~~

a. ~~Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)~~

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b. ~~Passover (United Church of God)~~

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17. ~~March 27th — April 4th — Passover (Jewish)~~

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18. ~~March 28th~~

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a. ~~Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)~~

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b. ~~Passover (United Church of God)~~

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19. ~~March 27th — April 4th — Passover (Jewish)~~

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20. ~~March 28th~~

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a. ~~Palm Sunday~~

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b. ~~Lailat al-Bara'ah (Islam)~~

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c. ~~First day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)~~

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21. ~~March 28th — April 3rd — Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)~~

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22. ~~March 29th~~

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a. ~~Holi (Hindu)~~

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b. ~~Hola Mohalla (Sikh)~~

J. April

1. ~~April 1st — Holy Thursday (Christian)~~

1. ~~Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)~~

2. ~~Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)~~

2. ~~April 2nd - May 1st - Ramadan (Islam)~~ Holy Friday (Christian)

3. ~~April 3rd — Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)~~

4. ~~April 4th — Easter (Christian)~~

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5. ~~April 5th — Easter Monday (Christian)~~

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6. ~~April 8th — 16th — Passover (Jewish)~~

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7. ~~April 9th~~

a. ~~Holy Thursday (Christian)~~

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b. ~~Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of God)~~

8. ~~April 8th~~

1. ~~Visakha Puja (Buddhist)~~

2. ~~Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day Buddha Day~~

9. ~~April 10th~~

1. ~~Palm Sunday~~

2. ~~Ramnavami (Hindu)~~

10. ~~April 13th- 20th - Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)~~

a. ~~Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)~~

b. ~~Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)~~

11. ~~April 14th~~

1. ~~Holy Thursday (Christian)~~

2. Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)
12. ~~April 13th – 20th – First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)~~
13. ~~April 13th – May 13th – Ramadan (Islam)~~
14. April 15th
1. Holy Friday (Christian)
 2. Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
 3. Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)
 4. Passover (United Church of God)
15. April 15th - 22nd - Passover (Jewish)
16. ~~April 16th – 17th – Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)~~
17. April 16th
1. Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
 2. Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
 3. First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
18. April 16th - 22nd - Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
19. April 17th
1. Easter (Christian)
 2. Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
20. April 18th - Easter Monday (Christian)
21. April 20th—
1. First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
 2. Shahadat - Amirul Mumineed (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
22. April 21st- Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian) ~~Ramnavami (Hindu)~~
23. ~~April 24th – Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
24. April 22nd
1. Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
 2. The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)
 3. Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
25. April 23rd - 24th - Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
26. April 24th
1. Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
 2. Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
27. April 25th
- a. ~~Mahavir Jayanti* (Jain)~~
 - b. The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
 - c. ~~Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
 - d. Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
28. April 26th - Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
29. ~~April 27th – Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)~~
30. April 28th—
1. Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
 2. Laylatul Qadr (Islam)
31. April 29th - Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra) ~~Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
32. ~~April 30th~~
- a. ~~Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
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 - b. ~~The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)~~
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 - c. ~~Lag B'Omer (Jewish)~~
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 - d. ~~Shahadat – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

1. May 1st
 - a. Beltane (Wicca)
 - b. Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
2. May 2nd - ~~Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~ ~~Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
3. May 3rd - ~~Eid al Fitr (Islam)~~ ~~Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
4. ~~May 3rd - 4th - Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
5. ~~May 4th - Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
6. ~~May 5th - 6th - Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)~~
7. ~~May 7th - Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
8. ~~May 8th - Laylatul Qadr (Islam)~~
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9. ~~May 12th - Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
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10. ~~May 13th~~
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 - a. ~~Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)~~
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 - b. ~~Eid al-Fitr (Islam)~~
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11. ~~May 16th - 18th - Shavuot (Jewish)~~
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12. ~~May 23rd~~
 - a. ~~Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)~~
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 - b. ~~Pentecost (Christian)~~
13. ~~May 24th - Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)~~
14. ~~May 26th - Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)~~
 - a. ~~Visakha Puja (Buddhist)~~
 - b. ~~Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day Buddha Day~~
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15. ~~May 29th - Ascension of Baha'u'llah* (Baha'i)~~

L. June

1. ~~June 5th - Pentecost (Christian)~~
2. ~~June 4th - 6th - Shavuot (Jewish)~~
3. ~~June 12th - Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
4. ~~June 16th - Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)~~
5. ~~June 21st - Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
6. ~~June 24th - Litha (Wicca)~~
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7. ~~June 20th/28th - Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
8. June 24th - Litha (Wicca)

* Approximate date based on lunar calendar. Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian, and Julian calendars.

Periodically, the Superintendent may consult with religious institutions and leaders in the community with regard to modification of the above list of religious holidays. The Board, however, is not bound by the information provided to the Superintendent by religious institutions and leaders.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures and time limits to be observed:

- A. by students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student, so excused, an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed;

B. by a student's parent(s) or guardian when giving prior notice of the student's intended absence; and

C. when giving affected students and parents an opportunity to be heard in connection with the decision not to excuse an absence on a day or portion thereof which is not included in the above list of religious holidays.

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