

Malden Public Schools proudly serves a multi-cultural and religiously diverse community. Although the schools are not closed for observance of all religious holidays, Malden Public Schools respects the religious and cultural days that are significant to the students, families and staff. The following list includes many of these holidays celebrated during the 2020-2021 school year, that may require a student to be absent from school. Students who miss schoolwork because of an excused absence, including absence for religious observance, should not be expected to complete homework, study for tests or do other school work during their absence. They shall be given the opportunity to complete assignments and test within a reasonable time, based on the circumstances. These absences should be managed in the same manner as absences for other excused reasons, including informing the school of the absence, talking with teachers about the absence, missed work, etc.

Name of Holiday	Religion/Culture	Dates
Rosh Hashanah*	Jewish	September 19-20
Yom Kippur*	Jewish	September 28
Sukkot*	Jewish	October 3-9
Shemini Atzeret*	Jewish	October 10
Simchat Torah*	Jewish	October 11
Navaratri	Hindu	October 17-25
Birth of the Báb	Baha'i	October 18
Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib	Sikh	October 20
Dussehra	Hindu	October 25
Mawlid an-Nabi (Sunni)	Islamic	October 29
All Saints' Day	Western Christian	November 1
All Souls' Day	Christian	November 2
Mawlid an-Nabi (Shi'a)	Islamic	November 3
Diwali	Hindu	November 14
Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday	Sikh	November 30
Bodhi Day	Buddhist	December 8
Chanukah*	Jewish	December 11-18
Kwanzaa	African American	December 26 to January 1
Christmas	Armenian Orthodox Christian	January 6
Christmas	Eastern Christian	January 7
Makar Sankranti	Hindu	January 14
World Religion Day	Baha'i	January 21
Lunar New Year	Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist	February 12
Nirvana Day	Buddhist	February 15
Beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 17
Purim*	Jewish	February 26
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 11
St. Patrick's Day	Christian	March 17
Holi	Hindu	March 29
Palm Sunday	Christian	March 28
Passover*	Jewish	March 28 to April 3
Holy Thursday	Christian	April 1
Good Friday	Christian	April 2
Easter	Christian	April 4
Yom Hashoah "Holocaust Remembrance"	Jewish	April 9
Ramadan begins*	Islamic	April 13 to May 11
Vaisakhi	Sikh	April 14
Laila Al-Qadr*	Islamic	May 9
Ascension Day	Christian	May 13
Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)*	Islamic	May 13
Shavuot*	Jewish	May 17-18
Pentecost	Christian	May 23
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	May 29
All Saints' Day	Eastern Christian	May 30
Juneteenth Celebration	African American	June 19

*All Jewish and Islamic holidays listed above begin at sundown on the previous day

Source: Anti-Defamation League Calendar of Observances