

20223-2024 Partial List of Religious and Cultural Observances

(Occurring during the Academic Year)

The Lincoln Public Schools District is a culturally and religiously diverse community. While the schools are not closed on all religious holidays, it is the intention of the District to respect religious and cultural days that are significant to the students, families, and staff. The following list, although not exhaustive, includes many holidays that may require a student to be absent from school. Students who miss schoolwork because of an excused absence, including absence(s) for religious observance, should not be expected to complete homework, study for tests, or do other schoolwork during their absence(s). They shall be given the opportunity to complete assignments and tests 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(s) and missed work, etc. (Ref: [Policy IMDB](#), *Accommodations for Religious and Cultural Observances*).

Please contact the Lincoln Public Schools with information about any religious day not listed below, for inclusion in future lists.

Month	Name of Holiday	Religion	Date(s)
September 2023	Labor Day		September 4
	Autumnal Equinox		September 23
	Rosh Hashanah*	Jewish	September 15-17
	Yom Kippur*	Jewish	September 25
	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islamic	September 27
	Sukkot*	Jewish	September 29-October 6
October	Shemini Atzeret*	Jewish	October 7
	Simchat Torah*	Jewish	October 8
	Indigenous Peoples' Day		October 9
	Navaratri	Hindu	October 15-24
	Birth of Báb	Bahá'í	October 16
	Dussehra	Hindu	October 24
	Halloween		October 31
	November	Veterans Day	
Diwali		Hindu	November 12
Bestu Varas		Hindu	November 13
Thanksgiving Day			November 23
December	Chanukah*	Jewish	December 8-15
	Winter Solstice		December 21
	Christmas Day	Christian	December 25
	Kwanzaa	African American	December 26-January 1
January 2024	New Year's Day		January 1
	Christmas (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian	January 7
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		January 15
	Pongal	Hindu	January 15-18
February	Lunar New Year	Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese	February 10
	Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent	Christian	February 14
	Presidents' Day		February 19
	International Mother Language Day		February 21
	Beginning of Great Lent	Orthodox Christian	February 27
March	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 8
	Ramadan*	Islamic	March 10-April 9
	Vernal Equinox		March 19
	Bahá'í Naw-Rúz	Bahá'í	March 20
	Purim*	Jewish	March 24
	Holi	Hindu	March 25
	Holy Thursday (<i>Maundy Thursday</i>)	Christian	March 28
	Good Friday	Christian	March 29
	Easter	Christian	March 31
April	Laylat Al-Qadr*	Islamic	April 6-13
	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)*	Islamic	April 10
	Patriots' Day		April 15
	Ram Navami	Hindu	April 17
	Passover*	Jewish	April 22-30
May	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	May 5
	Ascension	Christian	May 9
	Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'í	May 2
	Ascension of the Baha'u'llah*	Bahá'í	May 29
	Memorial Day		May 29
June	Shavuot*	Jewish	June 11-13
	Juneteenth		June 19
	Summer Solstice		June 20

*Holiday begins at sundown.