

**RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

DATE(S)	HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	NOTES
September 7, 2020	Labor Day	Celebration of American workers' contributions
September 11, 2020	Patriot Day	Remembrance of those that died on September 11th 2001
September 18 (sundown) - 20, 2020	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year
September 27 (sundown) - 28, 2020	Yom Kippur	Jewish Day of Atonement - fasting
October 12, 2020	Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day	Honors Columbus' arrival in 1492/Native American culture
October 31, 2020	Halloween	Evening before All Saints' Day
November 11, 2020	Veteran's Day	Honors military veterans and victims of all wars
November 14, 2020	Diwali	Hindu Festival of Lights
November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Day	Celebrates the harvest and blessings of the past year
December 10 (sundown) - 18, 2020	Hanukkah	Jewish Festival of Lights
December 24, 2020	Christmas Eve	The evening before Christmas Day
December 25, 2020	Christmas Day	Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ
December 26 - January 1, 2021	Kwanzaa	Celebration honoring African American culture/heritage
January 1, 2021	New Year's Day	Marks the start of the new year
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.
February 12, 2021	Chinese (Lunar) New Year	Observance of the start of a new year in the lunar calendar
February 14, 2021	Valentine's Day	Day where people express affection with greetings and gifts
February 15, 2021	President's Day	In honor of the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
February 17 - April 1, 2021	Lent	Period from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by many Christians as a period of penitence and fasting
March 17, 2021	St. Patrick's Day	Cultural & Roman Catholic religious celebration of St. Patrick
March 28 (evening) - 29, 2021	Holi	Hindu Festival of Color
April 2, 2021	Good Friday	Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
April 4, 2021	Easter	Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ
April 12 (sundown) - May 12, 2021	Ramadan	Islamic Month of Fasting - fasting from sunup to sun down
April 22, 2021	Earth Day	Day to demonstrate support for environmental protection
May 5, 2021	Cinco de Mayo	Celebrates Mexico's victory over France in 1862
May 12 (sundown) - 13, 2021	Eid-ul-Fitr	End of Fasting for Muslims
May 9, 2021	Mother's Day	Honors mothers & influence of mothers in society
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day	Remembrance for members of the military who died in war
June 1 - 30, 2021	Pride Month	Celebrating LGBTQ+ community members
June 19, 2021	Juneteenth	Commemorating the end of slavery
June 20, 2021	Father's Day	Honoring fathers & influence of fathers in society

**We recognize that there are some communities that do not celebrate religious and cultural observances.
WE CELEBRATE the diversity of our district and ensure a welcoming and affirming environment where all students and their families feel welcomed and included.*