

The Public Schools of Brookline
Religious and Cultural Observances
2024-2025

Category 1:

What this means: Absences by staff and students impact the ability to conduct classes on this date or during this time. Designated as “days of low attendance”, certain category 1 holidays are often embedded within school vacations.

Instructions: No homework will be assigned in any class for all students on the last day of school before a category 1 holiday. Homework assignments, projects, presentations, or other assignments cannot be due until at least the second school day after the holiday, even in the case of a longer school vacation. The same policy applies for the administration of tests.

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| Rosh Hashanah (Day 1) | Thursday, October 3, 2024 |
| Yom Kippur | Saturday, October 12, 2024 |
| Christmas | Wednesday, December 25, 2024 |
| Lunar New Year | Wednesday, January 29, 2025 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 18, 2025 |
| Easter | Sunday, April 20, 2025 |

Category 2:

What this means: School remains in session because these holidays are not considered to be a “day of low attendance”. However, they are still celebrated by a significant portion of our school population.

Instructions: No homework will be assigned in any class for all students on the last day of school before the category 2 holiday. Homework assignments, projects, presentations, or other assignments cannot be due until at least the second school day after the holiday, even in the case of a longer school vacation. The same policy applies for the administration of tests.

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| Eid al-Fitr | Monday, March 31, 2025 |
| Passover (Day 1) | Sunday, April 13, 2025 |
| Eid al-Adha | Saturday, June 7, 2025 |

Category 3:

What this means: School remains in session because these holidays impact a smaller number of our students than in the prior two categories.

Instructions: Students who are unable to complete a homework assignment due to this type of holiday should inform their teacher, who will arrange with the student an alternative time for completion of work, without loss of credit. The list below includes the most common category 3 dates, but it is not inclusive of all possible dates.

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| Rosh Hashanah (Day 2) | Friday, October 4, 2024 |
| Sukkot (2 Days) | Thursday, October 17 - Friday, October 18, 2024 |
| Diwali | Thursday, October 31, 2024 |
| Winter Solstice | Saturday, December 21, 2024 |
| Hanukkah | Thursday, December 26, 2024 |
| Kwanzaa | Thursday, December 26, 2024 |
| Nowruz | Friday, March 21, 2025 |
| Passover (other dates) | Monday, April 14; Saturday & Sunday, April 19-20, 2025 |
| Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox) | Friday, April 18, 2025 |
| Easter (Eastern Orthodox) | Sunday, April 20, 2025 |
| Shavuot | Monday, June 2, 2025 |