

Guidance for Excused Absences for Religious Holidays

The law allows absences for religious holidays and school policy regards these absences as excused absences. A student with an excused absence is not subject to any disciplinary or academic penalties. For more information see [LCS Board Policy 3.03](#).

This document is meant to provide guidance to our instructors and administrators by providing a list of religious holidays that should be excused absences for those who are observing such dates. In no way is the calendar meant to appear preferential to one religion over another, but instead is meant to provide guidance to our administrators in accordance with law. It is not comprehensive of all religions or all dates. Administrators must still evaluate each request for an excused absence.

2011-12 Religious Holidays

August	1 31	Ramadan begins Id al Fitre
September	28-30 28*-30	Navaratri Rosh Hashanah
October	1-5 7*-8 12*-14 19*-20 20*-21 26	Navaratri Yom Kippur Sukkot Shemini Atzeret Simhat Torah Diwali
November	6 10 26	Eid al Adha Guru Nanak's Birthday Hijra (New Year)
December	5 8 20*-28 25	Ashura Bodhi Day Hanukkah Christmas
January	6	Epiphany
February	3*-4 15	Mawlid an Nabi Nirvana Day
March	7*-8 8	Purim Holi
April	6*-14 8 13 14	Pesach Easter Good Friday/Holy Friday Baisakhi
May	6 26*-28	Visakha (Buddha Day) Shavuot
July	28*-29	Tisha B'Av

* Holiday observance begins at sundown the evening before.