



Religious and Cultural Calendar

East Lansing Public Schools are committed to honoring the rich cultural diversity of our students and community. The school calendar, adopted by the Board of Education, reflects this commitment. The dates listed below highlight major holidays observed by various religious and cultural groups in our district.

Whenever possible, administrators, teachers, coaches, and event planners will be mindful of these dates when scheduling activities. This includes major exams, exam reviews, tryouts, and significant events such as prom, graduations, banquets, and student elections.

If you would like a date or celebration considered for future inclusion, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 517-333-7424.

Holiday		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Muharram	Muslim	June 16, 2026	June 6, 2027	May 25, 2028
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	September 4, 2026	August 25, 2027	August 13, 2028
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	September 11 – September 13, 2026	October 1 – October 3, 2027	September 20 – September 22, 2028
Yom Kippur	Jewish	September 20 – September 21, 2026	October 10 – October 11, 2027	September 29 – September 30, 2028
Shardiya Navaratri	Hindu	October 11 – October 20, 2026	September 30 – October 9, 2027	September 19 – September 28, 2028
Dussehra	Hindu	October 20, 2026	October 9, 2027	September 27, 2028
Diwali	Hindu	November 8, 2026	October 29, 2027	October 17, 2028
Bodhi Day	Buddhist	December 8, 2026 April 9, 2026	December 8, 2027 April 9, 2027	December 8, 2028 April 9, 2028
Hanukkah	Jewish	December 4 – December 12, 2026	December 24, 2027 - January 1, 2028	December 12 – December 20, 2028
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2026	December 25, 2027	December 25, 2028
Kwanzaa	African-American	December 26, 2026 – January 1, 2027	December 26, 2027 – January 1, 2028	December 26, 2028 – January 1, 2029
Chinese New Year	Buddhist/East Asian	February 6, 2027	January 26, 2028	February 13, 2029
Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 10, 2027	March 1, 2028	February 14, 2029
*Magha Puja	Buddhist	February 21, 2027	February 10, 2028	February 27, 2029
Persian Nowruz	Iranian	March 21, 2027	March 21, 2028	March 20, 2029
Holi	Hindu	March 22, 2027	March 11, 2028	March 1, 2029
Good Friday	Christian	March 26, 2027	April 14, 2028	March 30, 2029
Passover	Jewish	April 21 – April 29, 2027	April 10 – April 18, 2028	March 30 – April 7, 2029
Easter	Christian	March 28, 2027	April 16, 2028	April 1, 2029
Orthodox Easter	Christian	May 2, 2027	April 16, 2028	April 8, 2029
Ramadan	Muslim	February 7 - March 8, 2027	January 27 – February 25, 2028	January 15 – February 13, 2029
Eid al-Fitr	Muslim	March 9, 2027	February 27, 2028	February 14, 2029
Vesak	Buddhist	May 20, 2027	May 8, 2028	May 27, 2029
Eid al-Adha	Muslim	May 16 - 17, 2027	May 4- 5, 2028	April 23 - 24, 2029

Explanatory Notes

Ash Wednesday – Begins Christian Lent; symbolized by ashes.
Bodhi Day – Buddhist observance of the Buddha’s enlightenment.
Chinese New Year – Lunar New Year celebrated across East Asia.
Christmas – Christian holiday marking Jesus Christ’s birth.
Diwali – Five-day Hindu Festival of Lights celebrating good over evil.
Easter – Christian celebration of Jesus Christ’s resurrection.
Eid al-Adha – Marks the end of Hajj; honors Abraham’s act of faith.
Eid al-Fitr – End of Ramadan; multi-day celebration.
Good Friday – Christian observance of Jesus’ crucifixion.
Hanukkah – Eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights.
Holi – Festival of Colors welcoming spring.
Krishna Janmashtami – Celebration of Lord Krishna’s birth.
Kwanzaa – Seven-day celebration of African-American heritage.
Magha Puja – Honors the Buddha’s early disciples.
Muharram – Islamic New Year begins.
Navratri/Dussehra – Nine-day festival honoring the divine feminine.
Passover – Seven- or eight-day Jewish celebration of the Exodus.
Persian Nowruz – Iranian New Year, beginning at the spring equinox.
Ramadan – Month of fasting, prayer, and reflection in Islam.
Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year; start of the High Holy Days.
Vesak – Buddhist celebration of Buddha’s birth, enlightenment, and passing.
Yom Kippur – Jewish Day of Atonement; fasting and prayer.

Jewish and Muslim holy days begin at sundown on the first day indicated.

***Observance of this day can vary based on region. Dates are based on the lunar calendar and should be check every year.**

Hindu holidays were determined from <https://www.india.gov.in/calendar> with additional resources from <https://publicholidays.in/>

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