



Religious Holidays

2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

(adapted from the [University of Michigan's List of Religious Holidays](#))

Please note that this list is not inclusive, and there may be other holidays that pose conflicts for students.

Holiday	Faith	Date(s)
Id al-Adha **	Islam	August 20
Paryushan **	Jain	September 6
Rosh Hashanah *	Jewish	September 9 - 11
10th of Muharram **	Islam	September 12
Yom Kippur *	Jewish	September 18 - 19
Sukkot *	Jewish	September 23 - 25
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah *	Jewish	September 30 - October 2
Birthday of the Bab	Baha'i	October 20
Diwali **	Hindu	November 6 - 10
Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	November 12
Birth of the Prophet Muhammad **	Islam	November 20
Hanukkah	Jewish	December 3 - 10
Christmas	Christian	December 25
Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African-American	December 26 - January 1
Feast of the Epiphany	Christian	January 6
Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar)	Orthodox Christian	January 7
Sankranti	Hindu	January 15
Chinese New Year & Tet	Confucianism/Taoism/Buddhism	February 5
Ash Wednesday	Christian	March 6
Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent Orthodox	Christian	March 11
Purim *	Jewish	March 20 -21
Nowruz	Baha'i	March 21
Baisakhi	Sikh	April 14
Good Friday	Christian	April 19
Passover (Pesach) *	Jewish	April 19 - 27
Easter	Christian	April 21
Ridvan	Baha'i	April 21
Eastern Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	April 26
Eastern Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	April 28
9th Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	April 29
12th Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	May 2
Ramadan **	Islam	May 5 - June 4
Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	May 23
23rd of Ramadan **	Islam	May 28
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	May 29
Ascension Day	Christian	May 30
Id al-Fitr **	Islam	June 5
Eastern Orthodox Ascension Day	Orthodox Christian	June 6
Shavuot *	Jewish	June 8 - 10



Martyrdom of the Bab
Holy Day of 'Arafah **

Baha'i
Islam

July 9
August 11

** Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown on the first and last days listed.*

*** These holidays are calculated on a lunar calendar and are approximate.*

Emerson wishes to help students avoid negative consequences when religious obligations conflict with school requirements. Students who expect to miss classes, tests/quizzes/presentations, or any other assignments as a consequence of a religious observance will be given the opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities, as determined by the teacher(s). Note that absence for religious reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for their work. We kindly ask that students and families provide the School with reasonable notice of dates of religious holidays on which students will be absent.