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KEY / Early Release ALL Schools No School ALL Schools Religious & Cultural Holidays 5 Snow Days **BOLD #'s** Conference Days Important note to staff & parents: June 17 - 23 are possible school

days. It is highly recommended that you reserve these days.

STARTING DATES

Teachers Return August 26 Grades 1-5 Classes Begin August 27 August 27 Grades 6 & 9 Orientation August 27-29

PreK & Kindergarten Orientation Days Grades 7, 8, & 10-12 Classes Begin August 28 September 3 PreK & Kindergarten Classes Begin, along with Kindergarten Extended Day Program

NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAYS/VACATION DAYS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August 30 - Sept. 2 Labor Day Weekend October 14 Columbus Day

October 15 Professional Development

November 11 Veteran's Day November 28 - 29 Thanksgiving Break December Break December 23 - 31

New Year's Day Observed January 1 January 20 Martin L. King, Jr. Day

February 17 - 21 February Break

March 3 Primary Election Day/Professional Develoment

April 20 - 24 April Break

Town Election Day/No School Students & Staff May 5

May 25 Memorial Day

EARLY RELEASE ALL SCHOOLS

November 27 Thanksgiving Break December 5 Professional Development February 5 Professional Development April 1 Professional Development April 10 Early Release

May 19 Professional Development June 16 Tentative last student day

Kindergarten AM/PM Sessions – In order to achieve equity in instructional time, the Early Release days in November - March, AM students will attend; PM students will have no school. For the Early Release days in April - June, PM students will attend in the morning; AM students will have no school.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

*August 11-12 Eid al-Adha *September 29 - October 1 Rosh Hashanah October 8 - 9 Yom Kippur **October 27 Diwali *December 22 - 30 Chanukah December 25 Christmas December 26 - January 1 Kwanzaa

Orthodox Christmas January 7 January 25 Lunar New Year *April 8 - April 16 Passover Good Friday April 10 Easter April 12 April 19 Orthodox Easter

*April 23 - May 23 Ramadan *May 23 - 24 Eid al-Fitr

Please see polices related to celebrating holidays on back of calendar.

^{*} Observance begins at sundown of the first day (circled).

^{**}Celebrations may occur on days preceeding and following this date.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

September 12	Abbot School
September 12	Day School
September 12	Crisafulli School
September 16	1st & 2nd Grades
September 19	Blanchard - Grade 6
September 19	Stony Brook- Grades 6 - 8
September 26	Blanchard - Grades 7 & 8
September 26	Kindergarten
October 3	Westford Academy (No classes at WA)
October 17	Preschool

PARENT CONFERENCES

Please note the different dates for no school days and delays for conferences

Nov. 25	Grades PreK - 8 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School
Nov. 26	Grades PreK - 8 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay
Mar. 23	Grades PreK - 5 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School
Mar. 24	Grades PreK - 5 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay

MARKING PERIODS

Preschool Marking Period Ends: Jan. 24 & June 15 Elementary Marking Period Ends: Nov. 26, March 6 & June 15 Middle School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 22, March 13 & June 15 High School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 1, Jan. 24, April 3 & June 15

STARTING AND DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

			Early
School	<u>Start</u>	Dismissal	Dismissal
Westford Academy	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Blanchard	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Stony Brook	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Grades 3-5	8:25 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	11:40 a.m.
Grades K-2	9:05 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	12:20 p.m.
K (a.m.)	9:05 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:20 p.m.
K (p.m.)	12:40 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	No school
PreK (a.m.)	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
PreK (p.m.)	12:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	No school

SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Approximately 5:30 A.M.)

Web: westfordk12.us

Radio: WBZ (1030), WCAP (980), WRKO (680) **TV**: WBZ (4), WCVB (5), WHDH (7), FOX 25

School Committee approved: March 4, 2019

Rev. A: May 10, 2019

* MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS POLICIES

Per Policy 5114: The existence of a religious holiday on a given day is, in and of itself, not a valid reason for removing a full or half day from the school calendar. A partial list of major cultural holidays will be listed on the reverse of the school calendar for reference only. If a committee is in place, the district or town cultural committee will review the list bi-annually. A more complete list of Massachusetts's legal holidays and some major religious holidays can be accessed annually at http://www.doe.mass.edu/resources/holidays.html.

<u>Per Policy 5203</u>: To be consistent with the spirit and letter of the law, and to avoid compromising any student's religious freedoms, the following guidelines are established.

Excused Absences – The Westford Public Schools will allow excused absences to celebrate religious holidays.

Notification of Absence – Parents are expected to follow procedures for 'reporting an absence' as stipulated in the student handbook.

Religious Holiday Observance – A student may not be penalized for his/her observance of a religious holiday. The student is expected to complete work impacted by the religious observance within one week of the holiday. Any missed tests or quizzes shall be taken within a week of the missed day, at a time mutually agreeable to the teacher and the student. At the elementary and middle school, it may be necessary to involve the student's parent/guardian for transportation consideration. Staff and teachers shall provide students with class notes or syllabus, and any assignments prior to the absence if requested and if available. Otherwise these items shall be provided upon return from a religious holiday.

Sports and Extracurricular Activities – Students shall not be penalized because they are unable to participate in a sporting event, practice, try-outs or any other extra-curricular activity due to their observance of a religious holiday.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: March 2, 2020 6-8 p.m. and March 3, 2020, 9 - 12 noon

WA GRADUATION: June 5, 2020