

AUGUST 2019							FEBRUARY 2020						
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SEPTEMBER 2019							MARCH 2020						
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OCTOBER 2019							APRIL 2020						
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NOVEMBER 2019							MAY 2020						
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DECEMBER 2019							JUNE 2020						
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JANUARY 2020							JULY 2020						
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STARTING DATES

August 26	Teachers Return
August 27	Grades 1-5 Classes Begin
August 27	Grades 6 & 9 Orientation
August 27-29	PreK & Kindergarten Orientation Days
August 28	Grades 7, 8, & 10-12 Classes Begin
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 23 - 31	December Break
January 1	New Year's Day Observed
January 20	Martin L. King, Jr. Day
February 17 - 21	February Break
March 3	Primary Election Day/Professional Development
April 20 - 24	April Break
May 5	Town Election Day/No School Students & Staff
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
January 7	Orthodox Christmas
January 25	Lunar New Year
*April 8 - April 16	Passover
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter
April 19	Orthodox Easter
*April 23 - May 23	Ramadan
*May 23 - 24	Eid al-Fitr

* Observance begins at sundown of the first day (circled).
 **Celebrations may occur on days preceeding and following this date.

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

KEY

- No School ALL Schools
- Religious & Cultural Holidays
- Early Release ALL Schools
- 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

September 12	Abbot School
September 12	Day School
September 12	Crisafulli School
September 16	1 st & 2 nd 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

<u>School</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>	<u>Early Dismissal</u>
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>.

Per Policy 5203: 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