

2021-2022 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

| August 2021 | | | | | | |
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| November 2021 | | | | | | |
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| January 2022 | | | | | | |
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STARTING DATES

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| Aug 30 | Teachers Return |
| Aug 31 | Grades 1-5 Classes Begin |
| Aug 31 | Grades 6 & 9 Orientation |
| Aug 31 - Sep 2 | PreK & Kindergarten Orientation |
| Sep 1 | Grades 7, 8, & 10-12 Classes Begin |
| Sep 7 | PreK & Kindergarten Classes Begin |

NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAYS / VACATIONS / ELECTIONS / FULL DAY STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| Sep 3 - 6 | Labor Day Weekend |
| Oct 11 | Columbus Day |
| Oct 12 | Professional Development |
| Nov 11 | Veterans' Day |
| Nov 25 - 26 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec 24 - 31 | December Break |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Day |
| Jan 17 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Feb 21 | Presidents' Day |
| Feb 21 - 25 | February Break |
| Apr 18 | Patriots' Day |
| Apr 18 - 22 | Spring Break |
| May 3 | Town Election Day/Professional Devel |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| Jun 19 | Juneteenth |

MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

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| * Sep 6 - 8 | Rosh Hashanah |
| * Sep 15 - 16 | Yom Kippur |
| ** Nov 4 | Diwali |
| * Nov 28 - Dec 6 | Hanukkah |
| Dec 25 | Christmas |
| Dec 26 - Jan 1 | Kwanzaa |
| Jan 7 | Orthodox Christmas |
| Feb 1 | Lunar New Year |
| * Apr 15 - 23 | Passover |
| Apr 15 | Good Friday |
| Apr 17 | Easter |
| * Apr 2 - May 1 | Ramadan |
| Apr 24 | Orthodox Easter |
| * May 2 - 3 | Eid al-Fitr |

* Observances begin at sundown of the first day circled.
 ** Celebrations may occur on days preceding and following this date. Policies related to celebrating holidays can be found on back of calendar.

EARLY RELEASE - ALL SCHOOLS

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| Nov 24 | Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec 2 | Professional Development |
| Dec 23 | December Break Begins |
| Feb 2 | Professional Development |
| Apr 6 | Professional Development |
| Apr 15 | Good Friday |
| May 17 | Professional Development |
| Jun 16 | Tentative last student & staff day |

| February 2022 | | | | | | |
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




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| July 2022 | | | | | | |
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|  | No School ALL Schools |
|  | Early Release - ALL Schools |
|  | Parent Conferences |
|  | Religious & Cultural Holidays |
|  | 5 Snow Days |



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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

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| September | 23 | Blanchard Grade 6 |
| September | 23 | Stony Brook Grades 6-8 |
| September | 30 | Blanchard Grades 7 & 8 |
| October | 7 | Westford Academy (No classes at WA) |
| October | 14 | Grades 3-5 |
| October | 18 | Grades PK, K & 1-2 |

PARENT CONFERENCES

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

Morning conferences begin at regular school start times.

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| November | 22 | Gr PreK-8, 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School |
| November | 23 | Gr PreK-8, a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay |
| March | 21 | Gr PreK-5, 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School |
| March | 22 | Gr PreK-5, a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay |

MARKING PERIOD END DATES

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| Preschool: | Jan 28, Jun 17 |
| Elementary: | Dec 3, Mar 18, Jun 17 |
| Middle School: | Dec 3, Mar 18, Jun 17 |
| High School: | Nov 9, Jan 26, Apr 6, Jun 17 |

STARTING AND DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

| <u>School</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>End</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.) | 9:05 a.m. | 11:35 a.m. | 11:35 a.m. |
| PreK (p.m.) | 12:40 p.m. | 3:10 p.m. | No School |

SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are made at approximately 5:30 a.m.
 Web: westfordk12.us
 Radio: WBZ (1030), WCAP (980), WRKO (680)
 TV: WBZ (4), WCVB (5), WHDH (7), FOX 25

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 7, 2022 6 - 8 p.m.
 March 8, 2022 9 - 12 noon

WA GRADUATION

June 3, 2022