

2022-2023 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

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STARTING DATES

Aug 29	Teachers Return
Aug 30	Professional Development
Aug 31	Grades 1-12 Classes Begin
Aug 31-Sep 2	PreK & Kindergarten Orientation
Sep 7	PreK & K Classes Begin

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

Aug 30	Professional Development
Sep 5	Labor Day
Sep 6	State Primary Election Day
Oct 5	Yom Kippur Observed
Oct 10	Columbus Day
Oct 24	Diwali Observed
Nov 8	State Election / Professional Devel
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 26-30	December Break
Jan 2	New Year's Day Observed
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 20	President's Day
Feb 20-24	February Break
Apr 17	Patriot's Day
Apr 17-21	April Break
May 2	Town Election / Professional Devel
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 19	Juneteenth Observed

EARLY RELEASE

Aug 30	Gr 6 & 9 Orientation (TBD)
Oct 6	WA ONLY Back to School Night
Nov 21	Parent Conferences, PreK - 8
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23	December Break Begins
Jan 26	Professional Development
Mar 7	Professional Development
Mar 20	Parent Conferences, PreK - 5
Apr 7	Good Friday
Jun 16	Tentative Last Student Day

MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

* Sep 25-27	Rosh Hashanah
* Oct 4-5	Yom Kippur
** Oct 24	Diwali
* Dec 18-26	Hanukkah
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 26-Jan 1	Kwanzaa
Jan 7	Orthodox Christmas
Jan 22	Lunar New Year
* Mar 22-Apr 21	Ramadan
* Apr 5-13	Passover
Apr 7	Good Friday
Apr 9	Easter
Apr 16	Orthodox Easter
* Apr 21-22	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

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	No School ALL Schools
	Early Release - ALL Schools
	Parent Conferences

	Religious & Cultural Holidays
	5 Snow Days
	Back to School Nights

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

September	15	Grades 3-5
September	19	Grades PK & K - 2
September	22	Grades 6 - 8
October	6	Westford Academy - Early Release

PARENT CONFERENCES

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

Morning conferences begin at regular school start times.

November	21	Gr PreK-8, 2-8 p.m. conferences - Early Release
November	22	Gr PreK-8, a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay
March	20	Gr PreK-5, 2-8 p.m. conferences - Early Release
March	21	Gr PreK-5, a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay

MARKING PERIOD END DATES

Preschool:	Jan 20, Jun 16
Elementary:	Dec 2, Mar 10, Jun 16
Middle School:	Dec 2, Mar 10, Jun 16
High School:	Nov 4, Jan 20, Mar 31, Jun 16

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.
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 6, 2023 6 - 8 p.m.
March 7, 2023 9 - 12 noon

WA GRADUATION

June 2, 2023

