

# 2020-2021 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

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		November 2020						
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		December 2020						
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		January 2021						
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### STARTING DATES

Aug 31 - Sep 14	Teachers Return / Prof Development
Sep 14 - 16	PreK & K Orientation Days
Sep 15	Gr 3, 6, 9 Orientation Day
Sep 16	Gr 1-12 Classes Begin
Sep 17	PreK & K Classes Begin

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

Aug 31 - Sep 14	Professional Devel
Sep 1	State Primary
Sep 7	Labor Day
Oct 12	Columbus Day
Nov 3	Presidential Election/Professional Devel
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 26 - 27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 24 - 31	December Break
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 15 - 19	February Break
Feb 15	President's Day
Apr 19	Patriot's Day
Apr 19 - 23	Spring Break
May 4	Town Election Day/Professional Devel
May 31	Memorial Day
Jun 19	Juneteenth

### MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

* Sep 18 - 20	Rosh Hashanah
* Sep 27 - 28	Yom Kippur
** Nov 14	Diwali
* Dec 10 - 18	Hanukkah
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 26 - Jan 1	Kwanza
Jan 7	Orthodox Christmas
Feb 12	Lunar New Year
* Mar 27 - Apr 4	Passover
Apr 2	Good Friday
Apr 4	Easter
* Apr 12 - May 12	Ramadan
May 2	Orthodox Easter
* May 12 - 13	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 on back of calendar.*

### EARLY RELEASE - ALL SCHOOLS

Nov 25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23	December Break Begins
Apr 2	Good Friday
Jun 17	Tentative last student & staff day

**IN THE HYBRID MODEL, ALL WEDNESDAY'S WILL BE EARLY RELEASE FOR STAFF PROF DEVEL**

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*Kindergarten AM/PM Sessions: In order to achieve equity in instructional time the Early Release days in Nov - March, AM students will attend & PM students will have no school. For the Early Release days in Apr - Jun, PM students will attend in the morning & AM students will have no school.*

	No School ALL Schools
/	Early Release - ALL Schools
	Parent Conferences
○	Religious & Cultural Holidays
	5 Snow Days

## 2020 - 2021 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

September	24	Blanchard Grade 6-8
September	24	Stony Brook Grades 6-8
October	8	Westford Academy ( <b>No classes at WA</b> )
October	15	Grades 3-5
October	19	Grades PK, K & 1-2

### PARENT CONFERENCES

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

November	23	Gr. PreK - 8,	2-8 p.m. conferences - <b>No School</b>
November	24	Gr. Pre-K - 8,	a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay
March	22	Gr. PreK - 5,	2-8 p.m. conferences - <b>No School</b>
March	23	Gr. Pre-K - 5,	a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay

### MARKING PERIOD END DATES

Preschool:	Jan 29, Jun 18
Elementary:	Dec 4, Mar 19, Jun 18
Middle School:	Dec 4, Mar 19, Jun 18
High School:	Nov 10, Jan 27, Apr 7, Jun 18

### 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.)	9:05 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	11:30 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 8, 2021 6 - 8 p.m.  
 March 9, 2021 9 - 12 noon

### WA GRADUATION

June 4, 2021