

# 2023-2024 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

Official calendar is available on [www.westfordk12.us/district/about-wps/pages/calendar](http://www.westfordk12.us/district/about-wps/pages/calendar)

August 2023						
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September 2023						
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October 2023						
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November 2023						
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December 2023						
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January 2024						
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## STARTING DATES

Aug 28	Teachers Return
Aug 29	Grades 6 & 9 Orientation
Aug 29 - 31	PreK & Kindergarten Orientation
Aug 30	Grades 1-5, 7-8 & 10-12 Classes Begin
Sep 5	PreK & K Classes Begin

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

Aug 29	Professional Development
Sep 1-4	Labor Day Weekend
Sep 25	Yom Kippur Observed
Oct 9	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Nov 10	Veteran's Day
Nov 23 - 24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 25 - 29	December Break
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 19	President's Day
Feb 19 - 23	February Break
Mar 5	Presidential Primary / Professional Devel
Apr 10	Eid al-Fitr Observed
Apr 15	Patriot's Day
Apr 15 - 19	April Break
May 7	Town Election / Professional Devel
May 27	Memorial Day
Jun 19	Juneteenth Observed

## DISTRICT WIDE EARLY RELEASE

Aug 29	Gr 6 & 9 Orientation
Oct 26	Professional Development
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22	December Break Begins
Jan 24	Professional Development
Mar 27	Professional Development
Mar 29	Good Friday
May 16	Professional Development
Jun 14	Tentative Last Student Day

## SCHOOL SPECIFIC EARLY RELEASE

Oct 5	WA ONLY Back to School Night
Dec 13 - 14	Elementary Parent Conferences
Jan 10 - 11	Middle School Parent Conferences
Mar 18 - 19	Elementary Parent Conferences

## MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

* Sep 15 - 17	Rosh Hashanah
* Sep 24 - 25	Yom Kippur
** Nov 12	Diwali
* Dec 7 - 15	Hanukkah
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 26 - Jan 1	Kwanzaa
Jan 7	Orthodox Christmas
Feb 10	Lunar New Year
* Mar 10 - Apr 8	Ramadan
Mar 29	Good Friday
Mar 31	Easter
* Apr 9	Eid al-Fitr
* Apr 22 - 30	Passover
May 5	Orthodox Easter

\* Observances begin at sundown of the first day circled.

\*\* Celebrations may occur on days preceding & following this date.

Policies related to celebrating holidays can be found on back.

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April 2024						
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July 2024						
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	No School ALL Schools
	District Wide Early Release
	School Specific Early Release

	Back to School Nights
	5 Snow Days
	Religious-Cultural Holidays

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## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Sep 14	Gr 3 - 5
Sep 19	Gr PK & K - 2
Sep 21	Gr 6 - 8
Oct 5	Westford Academy - Early Release

## PARENT CONFERENCES

Dec 13 - 14	Elementary Schools
Jan 10 - 11	Middle Schools
Mar 18 - 19	Elementary Schools

## MARKING PERIOD END DATES

Preschool:	Jan 19, Jun 14
Elementary:	Dec 1, Mar 8, Jun 14
Middle School:	Dec 8, Mar 12, Jun 14
High School:	Nov 2, Jan 22, Apr 1, Jun 14

## 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.

**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.

**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.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 11, 2024	5 - 8 p.m.
March 12, 2024	5 - 8 p.m.

## WA GRADUATION

June 7, 2024

