## 2023-2024 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

Official calendar is available on www.westfordk12.us/district/about-wps/pages/calendar

		Αι	igust	2023		
S	М	Т	W	Т	F	S
_		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			-	_		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
			ı			
		Sept	tembe	r 202	3	
S	М	Т	W	Т	F	S
_		-			1	2
_	4	-	•	_		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	(15)	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			-	-	-	
		Oc	tober	2023		
S	М	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3		<b>/</b> 5\		
			4		6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	-	- •		-
20	-	01				
		Nov	embe	r 202	3	
S	М	T	W	T	F	S
_			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	-			-		
(12)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
		Dec	embe	r 2 <u>02</u> 3	3	
S	М	Т	W	Т	F	S
			-		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	11	_	13	**		
10	1.7	12	<u> </u>	$\overline{}$	15	16
10						
10 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		19 (26)	20 27	21 28	22 29	30
17	18	_				
17 24	18	(26)		28		
17 24 31	18	(26)	27	28	29	30
17 24	18 (25) M	Jai T	27 nuary W	28 2024 T	<b>29</b>	30 S
17 24 31 S	18 (25) M 1	<b>Jai</b>   T   2	27 nuary W	28 2024 T 4	29 F 5	30 S 6
17 24 31 S	18 25 M 1 8	Jai T 2 9	uary W 3	28 2024 T 4	29 F 5	30 S 6 13
17 24 31 S	18 25 M 1 8	Jan T 2 9 16	27 nuary W 3 10 17	28 2024 T 4 11 18	F 5 12 19	30 S 6 13 20
17 24 31 S	18 25 M 1 8	Jai T 2 9	uary W 3	28 2024 T 4	29 F 5	30 S 6 13
17 24 31 S	18 25 M 1 8	Jan T 2 9 16	27 nuary W 3 10 17	28 2024 T 4 11 18	F 5 12 19	30 S 6 13 20







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				

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				

Memorial Day

Juneteenth Observed

May 27

Jun 19

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				

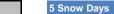
### **MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS**

*	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

<sup>\*</sup> Observances begin at sundown of the first day circled.

		Eob	ruary	202/	1	
S	М	Т	ruary W	ZUZ <sup>2</sup>	F	
5	IVI	ı	VV	-		S
	_	_	_	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	(10)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		
			irch 2			
S	M	Т	W	Т	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
(31)	_0	_•			<b>S</b>	
91)		_Δι	oril 2	024		
S	М	T	W	T	F	S
J	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
			l 04	204		
		IV	lay 20	J24		
	N 4		۱۸/	т	Е	c
S	М	Т	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	1 8	2 9	3 10	4 11
5	6 13	7 14	1 8 15	2 9 16	3 10 17	4 11 18
5 12 19	6 13 20	7 14 21	1 8 15 22	2 9 16 23	3 10 17 24	4 11
5	6 13	7 14	1 8 15	2 9 16	3 10 17	4 11 18
5 12 19	6 13 20	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29	2 9 16 23 30	3 10 17 24	4 11 18
5 12 19	6 13 20	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29	2 9 16 23 30	3 10 17 24	4 11 18
5 12 19	6 13 20	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29	2 9 16 23 30	3 10 17 24	4 11 18 25
5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29 Une 2 W	2 9 16 23 30 024 T	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25 S 1
5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28	1 8 15 22 29 Une 2 W	2 9 16 23 30 024 T	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25 S 1 8
5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28 Ju	1 8 15 22 29 Une 2 W	2 9 16 23 30 024 T	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25 S 1
5 12 19 26 S	6 13 20 27 M	7 14 21 28 Ju T	1 8 15 22 29 Une 2 W	2 9 16 23 30 024 T	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25 S 1 8
5 12 19 26 S	6 13 20 27 M 3 10	7 14 21 28 Jt T	1 8 15 22 29 une 2 W	2 9 16 23 30 024 T	3 10 17 24 31 F	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23	6 13 20 27 M 3 10	7 14 21 28 Jt T 4 11	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13	3 10 17 24 31 F 7	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16	6 13 20 27 M 3 10	7 14 21 28 Jt T 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31 F 7	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 M 3 10	7 14 21 28 Jt T 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 Une 2 W 5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31 F 7	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28 T T 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 w 5 12 19 26 W	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30 S	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28 Ju T 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12 19 26 W 3	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27 024 T 4	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 7 21 28	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30 S	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28 Ju T 4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12 19 26 W 3 10	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27 024 T 4 11	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29 S 6 13
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30 S 7	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24 M 1 8 15	7 14 21 28 Ji T 4 11 18 25 Ji 7 7 2 9 16	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12 19 26 W 3 10 17	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27 024 T 4 11 18	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 14 21 28 F 5 12 19	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29 S 6 13 20
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30 S 7 14 21	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24 M 1 8 15 22	7 14 21 28 7 4 11 18 25 7 7 2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12 19 26 W 3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27 024 T 4 11	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29 S 6 13
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30 S 7	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24 M 1 8 15	7 14 21 28 Ji T 4 11 18 25 Ji 7 7 2 9 16	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12 19 26 W 3 10 17	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27 024 T 4 11 18	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 14 21 28 F 5 12 19	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29 S 6 13 20
5 12 19 26 S 2 9 16 23 30 S 7 14 21	6 13 20 27 M 3 10 17 24 M 1 8 15 22	7 14 21 28 7 4 11 18 25 7 7 2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29 W 5 12 19 26 W 3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30 024 T 6 13 20 27 024 T 4 11 18	3 10 17 24 31 F 7 14 21 28 F 5 12 19	4 11 18 25 S 1 8 15 22 29 S 6 13 20

Back to School Nights





<sup>\*\*</sup> Celebrations may occur on days preceding & following this date.
Policies related to celebrating holidays can be found on back.

# 2023 - 2024 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

## **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

			Early
School	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>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**

<u>Per Policy 5114</u>: 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

<u>Per Policy 5203</u>: 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

