

The Public Schools of Brookline
Religious and Cultural Observances
2024-2025

Category 1:

What this means: Absences by staff and students impact the ability to conduct classes on this date or during this time. Designated as “days of low attendance”, certain category 1 holidays are often embedded within school vacations.

Instructions: No homework will be assigned in any class for all students on the last day of school before a category 1 holiday. Homework assignments, projects, presentations, or other assignments cannot be due until at least the second school day after the holiday, even in the case of a longer school vacation. The same policy applies for the administration of tests.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 1)	Thursday, October 3, 2024
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 12, 2024
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Lunar New Year	Wednesday, January 29, 2025
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter	Sunday, April 20, 2025

Category 2:

What this means: School remains in session because these holidays are not considered to be a “day of low attendance”. However, they are still celebrated by a significant portion of our school population.

Instructions: No homework will be assigned in any class for all students on the last day of school before the category 2 holiday. Homework assignments, projects, presentations, or other assignments cannot be due until at least the second school day after the holiday, even in the case of a longer school vacation. The same policy applies for the administration of tests.

Eid al-Fitr	Monday, March 31, 2025
Passover (Day 1)	Sunday, April 13, 2025
Eid al-Adha	Saturday, June 7, 2025

Category 3:

What this means: School remains in session because these holidays impact a smaller number of our students than in the prior two categories.

Instructions: Students who are unable to complete a homework assignment due to this type of holiday should inform their teacher, who will arrange with the student an alternative time for completion of work, without loss of credit. The list below includes the most common category 3 dates, but it is not inclusive of all possible dates.

Rosh Hashanah (Day 2)	Friday, October 4, 2024
Sukkot (2 Days)	Thursday, October 17 - Friday, October 18, 2024
Diwali	Thursday, October 31, 2024
Winter Solstice	Saturday, December 21, 2024
Hanukkah	Thursday, December 26, 2024
Kwanzaa	Thursday, December 26, 2024
Nowruz	Friday, March 21, 2025
Passover (other dates)	Monday, April 14; Saturday & Sunday, April 19-20, 2025
Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox)	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter (Eastern Orthodox)	Sunday, April 20, 2025
Shavuot	Monday, June 2, 2025