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5225 - ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

It is the policy of the School Board that absences from school for observance of a religious holiday or because of the tenets of a student's religion forbid secular activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to compliance with this policy.

~~A list of the approved holidays will be available in the Superintendent's Office.~~

Set forth below is a list of religious holidays for which student absences will be excused. The absence will be excused only for the days on which the holiday is observed. The dates on which the holidays are observed will be verified through the use of various sources and may change due to the Lunar, Gregorian, and Julian calendars.

- A. Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
- B. Hajj Day (Islam)
- C. Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
- D. Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- E. Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- F. Eid al-Adha (Islam)
- G. Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
- H. Guru Purnima
- I. Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- J. Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- K. 1st Muharram (Islamic New Year)
- L. 1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- M. Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

N. Onam (Hindu)

O. Naga Panchami (Hindu)

P. Obon (Buddhist)

Q. Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)

R. Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)

S. Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

T. Ulambana (Buddhist)

U. Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

V. Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)

W. Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

X. Lammas (Christian and Wicca)

Y. Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

Z. Paryushana (Jain)

AA. Rosh Hashana (Jewish)

AB. His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)

AC. Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

AD. Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)

AE. Nativity of Mary (Christian)

AF. Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

AG. Yom Kippur (Jewish)

AH. Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

AI. Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

AJ. Sukkot (Jewish)

AK. Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

AL. Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)

AM. The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

AN. Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

AO. Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

AP. Simchat Torah (Jewish)

AQ. Navaratri (Hindu)

AR. Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

AS. Maulid al-Nabi (Islam) Birth of B'ab (Baha'i)

AT. Installation of Scriptures of Guru Granth (Sikh)

AU. Urus-Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

AV. All Saints' Day (Christian)

AW. Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)

AX. All Souls' Day (Christian)

AY. Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)

AZ. Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

BA. Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

BB. Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali, and Sikh)

BC. The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

BD. Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)

BE. Day of Covenant (Baha'i)

BF. Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

BG. Ascension of 'Abdul'I Baha (Baha'i)

BH. Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

BI. First Sunday of Advent (Christian)

BJ. Hanukkah (Jewish)

BK. Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)

BL. Immaculate Conception (Christian)

BM. Yule (Wicca and Christian)

BN. Christmas (Christian)

BO. The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

BP. Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)

BQ. Gantan-sai (Shinto)

BR. Mary, Mother of God (Catholic Christian)

BS. Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)

BT. Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib (Sikh)

BU. Feast of Epiphany (Christian)

BV. Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

BW. Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)

BX. Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

BY. Maghi (Sikh)

BZ. Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)

CA. World Religion Day (Baha'i)

CB. Tu B'shvat (Jewish)

CC. Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)

CD. The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

CE. Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)

CF. Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)

CG. Vasant Panchami (Hindu)

CH. Nirvana Day (Buddhist)

CI. Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

CJ. Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)

CK. Urus - Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

CL. Intercalary Days (Baha'i)

CM. Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

CN. Shrove Tuesday (Christian)

CO. Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)

CP. Lailat al Miraj (Islam)

CQ. Ash Wednesday (Christian)

CR. Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

CS. L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)

CT. Purim (Jewish)

CU. Holi (Hindu)

CV. Hola Mohalla (Sikh)

CW. Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)

CX. Ostara (Wicca)

CY. Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)

CZ. Nowruz (Zoroastrian)

DA. Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)

DB. The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

DC. Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)

DD. Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)

DE. Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)

DF. Ramadan (Islam)

DG. Visakha Puja (Buddhist)

DH. Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day

DI. Palm Sunday

DJ. Ramnavami (Hindu)

DK. Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)

DL. Holy Thursday (Christian)

DM. Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)

DN. Holy Friday (Christian)

DO. Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)

DP. Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)

DQ. Passover (United Church of God)

DR. Passover (Jewish)

DS. Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

DT. Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)

DU. First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)

DV. Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)

DW. Easter (Christian)

DX. Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

DY. Easter Monday (Christian)

DZ. First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

EA. Shahadat - Amirul Mumineed (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

EB. Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

EC. Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

ED. The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)

EE. Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)

EF. Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

EG. Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

EH. Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

EI. The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)

EJ. Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

EK. Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)

EL. Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

EM. Laylatul Qadr (Islam)

EN. Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

EO. Beltane (Wicca)

EP. Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

EQ. Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

ER. Eid al Fitr (Islam)

ES. Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)

ET. Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)

EU. Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)

EV. Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

EW. Pentecost (Christian)

EX. Shavuot (Jewish)

EY. Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

EZ. Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)

FA. Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

FB. Litha (Wicca)

Periodically, the Superintendent may consult with religious institutions and leaders in the community with regard to modification of the above list of religious holidays. The Board, however, is not bound by the information provided to the Superintendent by religious institutions and leaders.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures and time limits to be observed:

- A. by students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student, so excused, an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed;
- B. by a student's parent(s) or guardian when giving prior notice of the student's intended absence; and
- C. when giving affected students and parents an opportunity to be heard in connection with the decision not to excuse an absence on a day or portion thereof which is not included in the above list of religious holidays.