## Needham Public Schools



Approved by School Committee 11-21-23

## 2024-2025 Legal, Religious \& Cultural Holidays

Families and staff in the Needham Public Schools represent diverse cultures, religions and countries of origin. Our school calendar conveys information to the community about when school is in session; however, there are additional days in the school year during which families observe holidays that may require students to be absent from school. Such observances will be considered excused absences from school, and all efforts will be made to assist students to make up work they may miss as a result of their absence. When students will be absent from school for such celebrations, families are encouraged to contact their child's teacher in advance.

|  | 2024 |  | 2025 |
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| July |  | January |  |
| 4 | Independence Day |  | New Year's Day (No School) |
|  |  | 14 | Makar Sankranti/Pongal |
| September |  | 20 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School) |
| 2 | Labor Day (No School) | 29 | Lunar New Year |
| 7 | Ganesh Chaturthi |  |  |
|  |  | February |  |
| October |  | 17 | Presidents Day (No School/recess) |
| 3 | Rosh Hashanah (10/2-10/4) (No School | March |  |
|  | 10/3) | 1 | Ramadan Begins (3/1-3/30) |
| 14 | Indigenous Peoples Day (No School) | 14 | Purim (3/13-3/14) |
| 12 | Yom Kippur (10/11-10/12) | 14 | Holi |
| 12 | Dussehra/Durga Puja/Vijaya Dashami | 31 | Eid al Fitr/Eid ul-Fitr (3/30-3/31) |
| 29 | Sukkot Begins (10/16-10/23) |  |  |
| 31 | Diwali/Deepavali (10/31-11/4) | April |  |
|  |  | 12 | Passover Begins (4/12-4/20) |
|  |  | 14 | Vaisakhi |
| November |  | 18 | Good Friday (No School) |
| 11 | Veteran's Day (No School) | 18 | Orthodox Good Friday |
| 28 | Thanksgiving (No School/11/27-11/29) | 20 | Easter |
|  |  | 20 | Orthodox Easter |
| December |  | 21 | Patriot's Day (No School/recess) |
| 25 | Hanukkah Begins (12/25-1/2) |  |  |
| 25 | Christmas (No school/recess) | May |  |
| 26 | Kwanzaa Begins (12/26-1/1) | 26 | Memorial Day (No School) |
|  |  |  | Eid ul-Adhu (6/6-6/7) |
|  |  | 19 | Juneteenth Independence Day(No School if school year is extended due to snow days) |

