

Multi-faith Calendar 2025–2026 School Year

Many students and their families celebrate holy days and days of significance in their faith. Students, families and community groups have told us how important it is for them to see themselves in our policies and practices as a Division. The multi-faith calendar is another step forward in making school a welcoming and inclusive place for every student.

Knowing the needs of their communities, school staff can use the calendar as a reference when planning school events, student exams and project deadlines.

LEGEND:

- = Indicates a Holy Day of high significance for the stated religion. Schools will avoid scheduling certain events/activities on these days (e.g., scheduling exams, project completion dates).
- = Indicates that the Holy Day begins the evening prior to the listed date. School will avoid scheduling certain events/activities on these evenings (e.g., parent-teacher interviews, school performances). Days of significance in the Bahá'í, Jewish, Islamic, and Wiccan faiths begin at sunset on the evening prior to the date shown and end at sunset on the last day shown.
- +/- = Holy Day of high significance may shift by a few days before or after the indicated date due to the use of a purely lunar calendar instead of a solar or lunisolar calendar. The date provided can be used for planning and will be confirmed closer to the listed date. Days of significance in the Islamic/Hijri calendar are based on a lunar calendar.

MONTH	DATE	DAY OF SIGNIFICANCE	REFERENCE
AUGUST 2025	1	Lammas ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	3	Tisha B'Av ○	Judaism
	9	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
	16	Sri Krishna Jayanti/Sri Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
	21-28	Samvatsari Parva/Daslakshan Parva	Jainism

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SEPTEMBER 2025	5	Mawlid-al-Nabī ○	Islam
	11	Nayrouz ○	Christianity (Coptic Orthodox)
	22	Mabon ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	22-Oct.2	Sharad Navratri/Durga Puja	Hinduism
	23-24	Rosh Hashanah ● ○	Judaism
	30	Durga Ashtami	Hinduism

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OCTOBER 2025	2	Dassehra/ Vijaya Dashami/Dasara •	Hinduism
	2	Yom Kippur • ○	Judaism
	7	Pavarana	Buddhism (Theravada)
	7-13	Sukkot ○	Judaism
	9	Karwa Chauth	Hinduism
	14-15	Shemini Atzerat/Simchat Torah ○	Judaism
	20	Deepavali/Diwali/Bandi Chhor Divas •	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
	20	Installation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
	22	Birth of Báb • ○	Bahá'í
	22	Gujarat New Year/Enlightenment day of Gautam Swami ○	Hinduism, Jainism
	22-23	Bhai Tika	Hinduism
	23	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh • ○	Bahá'í
	26	Labh Panchami •	Hinduism/Jainism
	31-Nov.1	Samhain	Pagan/Wiccan

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NOVEMBER 2025	5	Guru Nanak Jayanti (Birth Date) •	Sikhism
	15-Dec.24	Nativity Fast	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	20	Sigd ○	Judaism
	24	Guru Tegh Bahadur (Martyrdom)	Sikhism
	25	Day of the Covenant ○	Bahá'í
	27	Ascension 'Abdu'l-Bahá ○	Bahá'í
	30-Dec.24	Advent	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)

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DECEMBER 2025	8	Bodhi Day	Buddhism (Mahayana)

	15-22	Hanukkah • ○	Judaism
	21	Winter Solstice	Indigenous
	21	Yule ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	25	Christmas • ○	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar, New Julian Calendar)

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JANUARY 2026	1	New Year	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)
	3	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism (Mahayana)
	6	Epiphany	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar, New Julian Calendar)
	6	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti (Birth Date)	Sikhism
	7	Christmas • ○	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	13	Maghi/Lohri	Sikhism
	17	New Year	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	14	Makar Sankranti (Start of Dhanu Sankranti) •	Hinduism
	19	Epiphany	Christianity (Julian Calendar)

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FEBRUARY 2026	1	Imbolc ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	2	Tu B'Shvat ○	Judaism
	15	Parinirvana/Nirvana Day •	Buddhism
	15	Maha Shivaratri • ○	Hinduism
	17	Lunar New Year (Losar) •	Buddhism (Tibetan)
	18-Apr.2	Lent starting with Ash Wednesday	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)
	18-Mar.21	Ramadan • ○ +/-	Islam
	22-Apr.2	Lent starting with Clean/Pure Monday	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	23	Vasanta Panchami •	Hinduism
	25-Mar.1	Ayyám-i-Há ○	Bahá'í

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MARCH 2026	2-20	Bahá'í Fast	Bahá'í
	3	Magha Puja Day •	Buddhism
	3	Purim ○	Judaism
	4	Holi	Hinduism
	4	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism
	20	Naw Rúz • ○	Bahá'í
	20	Ostara ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	12	Laylat-al-Qadr ○ +/-	Islam (Shi'a)
	16	Laylat-al-Qadr ○ +/-	Islam (Sunni)
	19-27	Vasanta Navratri •	Hinduism
	20	Eid al-Fitr • ○ +/-	Islam
	26	Shri Ram Navami	Hinduism
	30	Mahavir Jayanti (Birth Date) •	Jainism

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APRIL 2026	2	Theravada New Year	Buddhism (Theravada)
	2	Holy/Maundy Thursday	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)
	2-9	Passover • ○	Judaism
	3	Good Friday •	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)
	5	Easter •	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)
	9	Holy/Maundy Thursday	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	10	Good Friday •	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	12	Pascha •	Christianity (Julian Calendar)
	14	Vaisakhi •	Sikhism
	21	First day Ridván • ○	Bahá'í
	29	Ninth of Ridván • ○	Bahá'í

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MAY 2026	1	Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day •	Buddhism
	1	Beltane ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	2	Twelfth of Ridván • ○	Bahá'í
	5	Lag B'Omer ○	Judaism
	22-23	Shavuot • ○	Judaism
	24	The Declaration of The Báb • ○	Bahá'í
	24	Pentecost	Christianity (Gregorian Calendar)
	27-30	Eid al-Adha • ○ +/-	Islam
	29	Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh • ○	Bahá'í
	31	Pentecost	Christianity (Julian Calendar)

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JUNE 2026	16	Guru Arjun Dev Ji (Martyrdom)	Sikhism
	17	Muharram ○	Islam
	21	Litha ○	Pagan/Wiccan
	21	National Indigenous Peoples Day/Solstice	Indigenous

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JULY 2026	10	Martyrdom of Báb • ○	Bahá'í
	23	Tisha B'Av ○	Judaism
	29	Asalha Puja/Theravada Dharma Day	Buddhism

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AUGUST 2026	1	Lammas ○	Wiccan
	28	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism

PROPOSED RELIGIONS AND DATES FOR INCLUSION:

The religions included in this calendar represent the religions in Alberta with more than a thousand followers during the 2011 Canadian census. Other religions with large worldwide populations include Caodaism, Confucianism, Muism, Shintoism, Taoism, Traditional Spirituality (Indigenous) and Zoroastrianism. Over a million Albertans identified no religious affiliations in the 2011 census.

More recent information from [Statistic Canada 2019 Religions in Canada](#) and our [EPSB 2022-2023 Student Demographic Survey](#), supports the continued inclusion of the chosen religions.