

Policy JEDC- Religious Expression Days

Non-Exhaustive List of Religious Holidays/Holy Days (updated 10/16/24)

Religious Expression in Ohio Schools Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3320.04, which becomes effective on Oct. 24, 2024 requires a school and districts to adopt a policy that reasonably accommodates a student's sincerely held religious beliefs and practices for reasons of faith or religious or spiritual belief system.

Students are given up to three religious expression days per school year provided that the parent or guardian provides written notice to the school or district of the selected days within 14 school days of the start of school (or within 14 days of a newly enrolled student's first day in the school or district).

The policy must allow students to participate in interscholastic athletics or other extracurricular activities on a religious expression day. No inclusion or exclusion of a religious holiday or festival on this list shall preclude a student from full and reasonable accommodations for any sincerely held religious beliefs and practices for reasons of faith or religious or spiritual belief system. These three religious expression days do not count toward parental notification requirements under ORC 3321.191 for excessive absences.

As required by the statute, the list of major religious holidays and festivals included herein is non-exhaustive and is not intended to purposefully exclude any religious holidays or festivals. This list is meant to serve solely as a resource for state institutions.

Judaism

- Tu BiShvat
- Purim
- Yorn HaShoah
- Lag B'Omer
- Pesach (Passover)
- Yorn HaSho'ah
- Yorn Ha'Azmaut
- Shavuot
- Tisha B'Av
- Rosh Hashanah
- Yorn Kippur
- Sukkot
- Shemini
- Sim chat Torah
- Hanukkah

Christianity

- Feast of Mary Mother of God
- Christmas - Eastern Orthodox
- Epiphany
- Ash Wednesday
- Lent
- Orthodox Lent

- Feast of the Annunciation
- Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter
- Pascha/Easter (Eastern Orthodox)
- Feast of the Ascension
- Pentecost
- Trinity Sunday
- Corpus Christi Sunday
- Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
- Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Feast of the Assumption of Mary
- All Saints Day
- All Souls Day
- Dia de los Muertos
- Feast of Christ the King
- Advent Season
- Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Christmas

Islam

- Sabe-Miraj or Lailatul Me'raj
- Sabe Barat
- Ramadan
- Lailatul Qadr
- Eid al-Fitr
- Day of Arafah/Day of Hajj/Waqf of Arafah
- Eid al-Adha
- Islamic New Year
- Ashura
- Mawlid al-Nabi

Hinduism

- Maha Shivaratri
- Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti
- Holi
- Rama Navami
- Raksha Bandhan
- Krishna Janmashtami
- Navaratri
- Diwali

Buddhism

- Bodhi Day
- Lunar New Year
- Magha Puja Day
- Vesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja
- Diwali

Sikh

- Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib
- Vaisakhi
- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
- Diwali
- Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib
- Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib

Baha'i

- 'Ala'
- Naw-Ruz
- Ridvan
- Declaration of the Bab
- Ascension of Baha'u'llah
- Martyrdom of the Bab
- Birth of the Bab
- Birth of Baha'u'llah
- Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha

Shinto

- Gantan-sai
- Setsubun-sai

Other

- Kwanzaa
- Lunar New Year