



Cultures Connecting Diversity Calendar 2021-2022



Mission Statement:

The purpose of this calendar is to address and support the diversity of students, staff, and families in K-12 education settings and beyond. We recognize that by increasing our understanding of diverse cultures, group experiences, traditions, values and beliefs, we can enhance our relationships with one another and hence, create culturally responsive environments where everyone feels valued and respected.

How Dates Were Chosen:

Due to the extensive number of cultural holidays, dates for this calendar were determined by the following four criteria:

- 1) Might a student or staff member be absent as a result of this day?
- 2) Might a student or staff member be disengaged as a result of this day (e.g., hunger or a negative association with a particular day/date such as Thanksgiving, or a day of remembrance of a tragic event)?
- 3) Might a student, family, or staff member not be able to participate in a school activity during or after school as a result of this day? (e.g., Many of our students do not participate in Halloween or Valentine's Day. There are students, families, and staff who cannot participate in district/school events that are scheduled on the evening of an important religious day observed by the Jewish and Muslim communities).
- 4) Does the day provide an opportunity for a teachable moment regarding ethnic or cultural diversity that might not otherwise be discussed, particularly dates associated with a continued history of oppression, discrimination, or racism?

Work in Progress:

We ask for your patience in the event that we have missed important dates that apply to the four criteria above. This was an enormous task taken on by a handful of individuals of good will and intention. If you know of additional cultural holidays that meet the above criteria, or would like to offer suggestions for appropriate websites, books, or other resources that can be used to improve this calendar, please contact: Kenzie Gandy at kenzie.gandy@culturesconnecting.com.

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Notes:

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AUGUST 2021

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Aug. 1	Lughnasadh (Lammas)	Neo-Pagan	
Aug. 9 - Sept. 6*	Al-Hijra / Muharram	Islamic	
Aug. 10	Muharram (Al Hijrah New Year)	Islamic	
Aug. 12	International Youth Day	International	
Aug. 13 - 15	Obon	Japanese Buddhist	
Aug. 22	Raksha Bandhan	Hindu	
Aug. 29	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	

SEPTEMBER 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Sept. 6	Labor Day		No school.
Sept. 6 - 8*^	Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	Rosh Hashanah kicks off several weeks of Jewish holidays in the fall. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two most-observed Jewish Holidays, called the high holy days.
Sept. 11	Enkutatash (New Year)	Ethiopian	
Sept. 15 - 16*	Yom Kippur	Jewish	Day of fasting.
Sept. 16	Mexican Independence Day	Mexican	
Sept. 20 - 27*^	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)	Jewish	
Sept. 21 - 29*	Mabon	Neo-Pagan	
Sept. 27 - 29*^	Shemini Atzeret	Jewish	
Sept. 28 - 29*^	Simchat Torah	Jewish	

OCTOBER 2021 Cultural Diversity Month | Coming Out Month | Disability Employment Awareness Month | Filipino American History Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Oct. 7 - 15*	Navaratri/Dassehra	Hindu	
Oct. 11	National Coming Out Day	LGBTQ+ and Allies	
Oct. 11	Indigenous People's Day	United States	
Oct. 12	Día de la Raza	Latinx, Mexican	
Oct. 15	Dashain	Bhutan	
Oct. 18 - 19*	Mawlid-al-Nabi (birthday of Mohammad)	Islamic	
Oct. 31	Halloween	United States	Be mindful that not all families observe Halloween.
Oct. 31 - Nov. 1	Samhain	Neo-Pagan	

NOVEMBER 2021 Native American Heritage Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Nov. 1	All Saint's Day	Anglican & Roman Catholic	
Nov. 1-2	Día de los Muertos	Mexican	
Nov. 4^	Diwali	Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist	
Nov. 6 - 7*^	Birth of the Báb	Bahá'i	
Nov. 6 - 7*^	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'i	
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day	United States	
Nov. 19	Birthday of Guru Nanak	Sikh	
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day	United States	No school. http://americanindiansource.com/mourningday.html
Nov. 28 - Dec. 6*	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	

DECEMBER 2021

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Catholic	
Dec. 8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	
Dec. 12	Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mexican Catholic	
Dec. 16 - 24	Las Posadas	Mexican	
Dec. 16 - 24	Simbang Gabi	Filipino Catholic	
Dec. 21	Winter Solstice / Yule	Neo-Pagan	
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Christian	No school.
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	Kwanzaa	African American	

JANUARY 2022

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Jan. 1 [^]	Gantan-sai	Shinto	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	International	No school.
Jan. 6	Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day/Epiphany)	Mexican Christian	
Jan. 7	Orthodox Christmas	Christian Orthodox	
Jan. 9 [^]	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh	Sikh	
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Day	United States	No school.
Jan. 27	Holocaust Remembrance Day	International	

FEBRUARY 2022 African American History Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Feb. 1	Tết	Vietnam	
Feb. 1	Chinese New Year	China	
Feb. 1 - 2	Imbolc	Neo-Pagan	
Feb. 3	Setsubun-sai	Shinto	

Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	International	Be mindful that not all students observe this holiday.
Feb. 16	Magha Puja Day	Buddhist	
Feb. 19	Day of Remembrance (Japanese Incarceration)	United States	
Feb. 21	President's Day		No school.

MARCH 2022 Women's History Month | Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Mar. 1	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	
Mar. 2	Ash Wednesday	Christian	
Mar. 2 - Apr. 14	Lenten Season	Christian	
Mar. 16 - Mar. 17*	Purim	Jewish	
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	Irish	
Mar. 17 - 18*	Holi	Hindu	
Mar. 20	Ostara	Neo-Pagan	
Mar. 21*	Naw Rúz	Bahá'í / Persian / Kurdish / Zoroastrianism	
Mar. 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	International	
Mar. 21 - 22	Persian New Year (Nowruz)	Iranian	
Mar. 31	César Chávez Day	United States	
Mar. 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility	International, LGBTQ+ and Allies	

APRIL 2022 Autism Acceptance Month | Holocaust Remembrance Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
Apr. 2	World Autism Awareness Day	United States	
Apr. 2 - May 2*^	Ramadan	Islamic	

Apr. 6	National Tartan Day	Scottish American
Apr. 8	National Day of Silence	LGBTQ+ and Allies
Apr. 10	Ramanavami	Hindu
Apr. 10	Palm Sunday	Christian / Orthodox
Apr. 10 - 16	Holy Week	Christian
Apr. 14	Vaisakhi	Sikh
Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday	Christian
Apr. 14 - 16	Bun Pi Mai (New Year)	Laotian
Apr. 14 - 16*	Cambodian New Year	
Apr. 15	Good Friday	Christian
Apr. 15 - 23*^	Passover (Pesach)	Jewish
Apr. 17^	Easter	Christian
Apr. 20 - 21*	First Day of Ridván	Bahá'i
Apr. 22	Orthodox Good Friday	Christian Orthodox
Apr. 24	Orthodox Easter	Christian Orthodox
Apr. 27 - 28	Yom HaSho'ah	Jewish
Apr. 27 - 28*	Ninth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i
Apr. 29	Laylat al-Qadr	Islamic
Apr. 30	Día de los Niños	Mexican

MAY 2022 Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
May 1*	Beltane	Neo-Pagan	
May 1	May Day (International Worker's Day)	International	
May 1 - May 2*	Twelfth Day of Ridván	Bahá'i	
May 2 - 3*^	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)	Islamic	
May 5	Cinco de Mayo	United States / Mexican	

May 8	Buddha Day / Visakha Puja / Vesek	Buddhist	
May 8	Mother's Day		Mother's Day (always May 10 th in Mexico) is very important for Mexican Families.
May 24 - 25*	Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'i	
May 28 - 29*	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'i	
May 30	Memorial Day	United States / Mexican	No school.

JUNE 2022 LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
June 1 - 30	Pride	International, LGBTQ+ and Allies	
June 4 - 6*^	Shavuot	Jewish	
June 5	Pentecost	Christian	
June 9 - 13	Eid-ul-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)	Islamic	
June 12	Loving Day	United States	
June 12	Philippine Independence Day	Filipino	
June 17	17th of Tammuz	Jewish	
June 19	Juneteenth	African American	
June 21	Summer Solstice/Litha	Neo-Pagan	

JULY 2022

Date(s):	Holiday / Observance:	Religious / Cultural Group:	Notes:
July 4	Independence Day		
July 7 - 12	Hajj	Islamic	

July 13	Dharma Day	Buddhist
July 23	Birthday of Haile Selassie	Rastafarian
July 29 - 30	Muharram (Al Hijrah New Year)	Islamic
July 30 – Aug. 28*	Al-Hijra / Muharram	Islamic

AUGUST 2022

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Aug. 5 - 6	Tisha B'Av	Jewish	
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