# **Masconomet Regional School District** School Calendar for 2023-2024

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:35 AM - 2:15 PM

Wednesday - 7:35 AM - 1:10 PM

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NS	New Staff Orientation
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`	Grades 7 & 9 Orientation

School Closed for Students and Teachers School Opens for All Students Grades 7-12 12p Disi (Beginning with Early Release on November 22) Early Dismissal Day (10:30 AM) High School Graduation (May 31)

Last Day for Students (June 11 w/ no snow days) (June 18 w/ 5 snow days)

## HOLIDAYS

Labor Day--September 4, 2023 Columbus Day--October 9, 2023 Veterans Day, November 10, 2023 (Obs.)

Juneteenth - June 19, 2024

Thanksgiving Recess - November 23 and 24, 2023 Winter Recess--December 25, 2023 - January 2, 2024 Martin Luther King Day -- January 15, 2024 February Recess -- February 19-23, 2024 April Recess -- April 15 - April 19, 2024 Memorial Day - May 27, 2024

#### RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

The district shall seek to adjust instructional activities and refrain from testing, assigning homework, and scheduling extracurricular activities or programs (including field trips, class photos, etc.) on these religious holidays.

Rosh Hashanah\* September 16 - 17 Yom Kippur\* September 25 Christmas December 25 Passover\* April 23 - 30 Good Friday March 29 Easter March 31 \*Begns at sundown on the day prior

### Masconomet Regional School Committee Policy on Religious Observances (Policy IMDC)

The Masconomet Regional School District is committed to a policy of educating children by helping them to develop an awareness and appreciation for the religious convictions of all people in our diverse society. Students and staff are encouraged to appreciate, accept, and honor ethnic, religious and cultural diversity and be respectful of the beliefs and practices of others. It is within this framework, that the following is adopted:

#### **Observance of Religious Holidays**

The district recognizes certain religious holidays fall during the year on scheduled class days. For observances during the school year, excused absences will be allowed for students and staff to participate in their religious holidays. The same rules that apply to all excused absences apply in these instances.

The district will make reasonable efforts not to schedule special events the night before, during, or after school on holidays that would interfere with a person's ability to participate because of that that person's religious observance. The district will encourage consideration of this policy in inter-league sports scheduling.

#### **Testing and Homework During Religious Holidays**

The district shall seek to adjust instructional activities and refrain from testing, assigning homework, and scheduling extracurricular activities or programs (including field trips, class photos, etc.) on the following religious holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Christmas, Passover, Good Friday and Easter.

Other religious holidays may be considered for a blanket inclusion in this policy if the number of students and staff warrants it. The concept of "critical mass" would be applied when considering additions. In any case, any member of the district community, no matter their faith, may request dispensation from testing and homework for religious observance by making a request to the teacher(s) or guidance counselor.

The following list is provided as a reference as to when religious observances occur in 2023-2024. It is not meant to be exhaustive.

Name of Holiday	Religion	Dates in 2023-2024
Eid al-Adha*	Islam	June 29
Muharram (al Hijrah)*	Islam	July 19
Ashura*	Islam	July 28
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	September 6
Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu	September 19
Rosh Hashanah*	Jewish	September 15 - 17
Yom Kippur*	Jewish	September 25
Mawlid al-Nabi*	Islam	September 27
Sukkot*	Jewish	September 30 - October 6
Shemini Atzeret*	Jewish	October 7
Simchat Torah*	Jewish	October 8
Dassera	Hindu	October 24
Diwali	Hindu	November 12
Chanukah*	Jewish	December 8 - December 15

Christmas Day	Christian	December 25	
Kwanzaa	African-American	December 26 - January 1	
Feast of the Nativity	Orthodox Christian	January 7	
Pongal	Hindu	January 15	
Lunar New Year	Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese	February 10	
Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)	Christian	February 14	
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 8	
Ramadan Begins*	Islam	March 11	
Beginning of Lent	Orthodox Christian	March 18	
Purim*	Jewish	March 24	
Holi	Hindu	March 25	
Palm Sunday	Christian	March 24	
Holy Thursday	Christian	March 28	
Good Friday	Christian	March 29	
Easter	Christian	March 31	
Laila Al-Qadr*	Islam	April 6	
Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)*	Islam	April 10	
Rama Navami	Hindu	April 17	
Passover*	Jewish	April 23-30	
Holy Thursday	Orthodox Christian	May 2	
Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	May 3	
Easter	Orthodox Christian	May 5	
Shavuot*	Jewish	June 12-13	

<sup>\*</sup>All Jewish and Islamic holidays listed above begin at sundown on the previous day Source: Anti-Defamation League Calendar of Observances