

Franklin Public Schools Calendar for 2024-2025

August

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
STAFF FIRST DAY	PD DAY	1-12 FIRST DAY	K FIRST DAY	OFF
26	27	28	29	30

September

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Labor Day	PK FIRST DAY			
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

October

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			Rosh Hashana	
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
Indigenous People Day				
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				1
	PD DAY			
4	5	6	7	8
Veterans Day			PK-12 Conferences	
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	Thanksgiving	

December

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	Christmas	26	27
30	31			

January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		New Year's Day		
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
MLKing Jr Day				
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
President's Day				
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
	PK-8 Conferences			
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

April

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	Good Friday
Patriot's Day				
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
Memorial Day				
26	27	28	29	30

June

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				FHS GRADUATION
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	18TH DAY	18	Juneteenth	20
23	24	185TH DAY	26	27
30				

July

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
				Independence Day
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

KEY:

Early Release times:
 ASMS & RMS: 10:45 AM;
 HMMS: 10:50 AM; FHS: 10:55 AM;
 All Elem: 11:45 AM

Holiday - No School

No School

Professional Dev. Day

Parent Conferences
 Early Release Day - Students

Early Release Day - Students
 Professional Development - Teachers

2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Franklin Public School District is enriched by the cultural and religious diversity of its students, faculty, staff, and community. This document is prepared to promote cultural proficiency and inform our community of days in which students and staff may be participating in observances with their families. This document helps to outline what “observing” means in terms of a student’s ability to be present in school, complete work, participate in after school activities, as well as dietary and other considerations. It does not include all religious holidays observed by every faith and only includes those holidays that fall within the School Year. State and Federal law require schools to make reasonable accommodations to the religious needs of students and employees. Parents should inform teachers when observances may conflict with school activities or if a holiday is not listed.

District policy IMDC “Accommodation for Religious and Ethnic Observances” describes the handling of absences and event scheduling on days which require consideration.

Please contact the Franklin Public School District with information about any religious day not listed below, for inclusion in future lists.

Holiday Observances in Massachusetts (Statewide Legal Holidays in **Bold**)

Holiday/Observance	Description	2024-2025
Labor Day	Honors the American Labor Movement	Monday, September 2
Rosh Hashanah*	Jewish New Year Observed with festive meals and temple attendance	October 2 – 4, 2024 (Wednesday - Friday)
Samvatsari	Samvatsari is the last day of Paryushana Shwetambar sect of Jainism. It falls on Shukla Panchami each year in the Jain calendar month of Bhadrapada	Saturday, September 7
Ganesh Chaturthi	10-day festival marking the birth of the elephant-headed deity Ganesha, the god of prosperity and wisdom. Families install small and colorful clay statues of Lord Ganesha to be worshipped during the festival and visit friends & families to wish each other in the prayer offerings.	Friday September 6, 2024
Yom Kippur*	Day of Atonement Observed with 24 hour fast, refrain from work, temple attendance	October 11 - October 12 (Friday - Saturday)
Sukkot	Feast of tabernacles to celebrate the harvest and the protection of the Jewish people in the wilderness Observed with festive meals taken in the sukkah, prayers	October 16 – 23, 2024 (Wednesday - Wednesday)
Indigenous Peoples Day	Christopher Columbus’s arrival in the Americas A day to honor native indigenous Americans and to celebrate their culture and histories	Monday, October 14
Navaratri	Navaratri is an annual Hindu festival observed in the honour of the goddess Durga. Observed with fasting, evening prayers, vegetarian meals, visiting friends and family	October 3 – October 12 (Thursday - Saturday)
Dussehra	Final day of Navarati, a 10-day celebration of autumn and the goddess Durga Observed with fasting, evening prayers, vegetarian meals, visiting friends and family	Monday, October 12

Diwali	Hindu festival of lights which celebrates victory of light over darkness Observed with gift exchanges, festive meals, and fireworks	Friday, November 1
Veterans Day	Federal holiday observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans - all persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Federal holiday to commemorate “first” thanksgiving when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest In 1863 Abraham Lincoln declared a day of National Thanksgiving in November	Thursday, November 28
Hanukkah*	Jewish festival of lights which commemorates the rededication of the temple by the Maccabees Observed with celebratory meals, lighting of the menorah candles, and gift exchanges	December 25 – January 2 (Wednesday - Thursday)
Winter Solstice	Shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere - considered a turning point in many cultures Observed with festivals, fires, spending time with family	Saturday, December 21
Christmas Day	Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ Observed with religious ceremonies, worship, gift exchanges, family celebrations	Wednesday, December 25
Kwanzaa	African American and Pan-African holiday celebrating African heritage, family, community and culture Observed with festive meals, and gift exchanges	December 26- January 1 (Thursday - Wednesday)
New Year’s Day	Celebration of the New Year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars	Wednesday, January 1
Orthodox Christmas	Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ (date is associated with the Julian calendar). Observed with religious ceremonies, worship, gift exchanges, and celebratory meals.	Sunday, January 7
Martin Luther King Day	Federal holiday to commemorate the life and legacy of civil rights activist Martin Luther King	Monday, January 20
Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year	Pan Asian Celebration- Celebrates the beginning of a new year in the Chinese calendar Observed with family reunions, festive meals, and gift-giving	Wednesday, January 28
Isra & Miraj *	Within Islam, Isra and Mi'raj, celebrated on the 27th day of the 7th month of the Muslim calendar, refers to a miraculous nighttime journey undertaken by the Prophet Muhammad, in two legs. First from Mecca to Jerusalem, and then from Jerusalem to the heavens	Monday, January 27
Ash Wednesday	Marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent Religious ceremony includes ashes on the forehead of observers to mark regret for past sins	Wednesday, March 5
Presidents Day	Federal Holiday to celebrate George Washington and Abraham Lincoln	Monday, February 17
Ramadan Begins*	Ninth month of the Islamic lunar year and the time in which Muslims observe 30 days of fast from sunrise to sunset Ritual evening meal to break the fast	Friday, February 28
Holi*	Celebration of Spring and Color Observed through a festival of colors (showering of colors) and lighting of fires	March 14 - March 15 (Friday - Saturday)
Nowruz	Celebration of the Zoroastrian and Persian New Year	March 20- March 21 (Thursday - Friday)

Palm Sunday	Christian celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and beginning of Holy Week Observed by worship celebrations and includes palm branches	Sunday, April 13
Good Friday	Remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ Observed solemnly with fasting, religious ceremonies, refrain from work	Friday, April 18
Easter	Celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ Observed with religious ceremonies, festive meals	Sunday, April 20
Laylat al-Qadr	The night that the first verses of the Qu'ran were revealed to the Prophet Mohammad. It is considered to be the holiest night of the year for Muslims and marks the night that the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Mohammed.	Thursday, March 27
Eid al-Fitr* Ramadan Ends	Conclusion of Ramadan Celebrated prayers and feasting to break the fast	March 30 – 31 (Sunday – Monday)
Patriots Day	State-wide holiday to commemorate the first battles of the American Revolutionary War	Monday, April 21
Passover*	Celebration of the delivery of Jewish people from slavery in Egypt Observed with festive ritual family meals; only consume unleavened grains	April 12 – April 20 (Saturday - Sunday)
Orthodox Good Friday	Remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ Observed solemnly with fasting, religious ceremonies, refrain from work	Friday, April 18
Orthodox Easter	Celebration of resurrection of Jesus Christ Observed solemnly with fasting, religious ceremonies, refrain from work	Sunday, April 20
Buddha Day	One of the most important Buddhist days which celebrates the birthday of the Buddha Observed by religious ceremonies at the Temple and meditation	Monday, May 5
Vesak	Vesak, also known as Buddha Jayanti, Buddha Purnima and Buddha Day. The festival commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama Buddha in Theravada, Tibetan Buddhism and Navayana	Monday May 12
Memorial Day	Federal holiday to honor the military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.	Monday, May 26
Shavuot*	Jewish celebration of Moses' descent from Mt Sinai with the ten commandments. Plants and flowers are used in decorations	June 1 - June 3 (Sunday - Tuesday)
Eid Al Adha	Holiday which celebrates Ibrahim's devotion to Allah through his willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail.	Friday, June 6
Juneteenth	Federal holiday to celebrate the emancipation of African American slaves.	Thursday, June 19

* all observances begin at sundown

Please note, observant Jews celebrate the second, seventh, eighth days of Passover; the second, eighth, and ninth days of Sukkot; and two days of Shavuot (Mass Lawyers Diary Manual)