

## 2021-2022 Interfaith Calendar Absence Coding Guide

While other interfaith calendars may exist, TEA (Texas Education Association) allows school districts to determine what constitutes a religious holy day for purposes of excusing absences. FBISD has determined the following absence codes for holy days listed below. Therefore, days that will be considered a “funded absence” will have “REL” in the attendance code column.

## August 2021

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
August 18-19	ASHURA	<b>Islamic</b> A day of fasting observed on the 10th day of the month of Muharram to celebrate Moses’ exodus from Egypt. For Shi’a Muslims, it also marks the climax of the ten-day Remembrance of Muharram, which mourns the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Kerbala in 680 CE.	REL	*Begins on the evening of August 18 <sup>th</sup> and ends the evening of August 19 <sup>th</sup> . August 19 <sup>th</sup> is REL.

## September 2021

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
September 6-8	ROSH HASHANAH	<b>Jewish</b> Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.	REL	Begins on the evening of September 6 <sup>th</sup> and ends the evening of September 8 <sup>th</sup> . September 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> is REL
September 15-16	YOM KIPPUR	<b>Jewish</b> The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.	REL	

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## September 2021 continued

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
*September 20-27	SUKKOT	<b>Jewish</b> The week-long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.	<b>Excused/Unexcused</b>	If students are absent during the week, absences would be considered excused/unexcused.
September 27-29	SHEMINI ATZERET	<b>Jewish</b> “The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.	<b>REL</b>	

## October 2021

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
October 7-15	NAVARATRI	<b>Hindu</b> Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. It worships God in the form of the universal mother commonly referred to as Durga, Devi or Shakti, and marks the start of fall.	<b>Excused/Unexcused</b>	Observance not generally requiring student absence
October 19	MAWLID AL-NABI (Also known as MILAD AL-NABI)	<b>Islamic (Shi’a)</b> The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi’ al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Sunni Muslims celebrate it five days earlier than Shi’a Muslims.	<b>REL</b>	

## November 2021

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
November 7	BIRTH OF BAHÁ’U’LLÁH	<b>Bahá’í</b> Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá’u’lláh.	<b>REL</b>	
November 19	GURU NANAK DEV JI’S BIRTHDAY	<b>Sikh</b> A very important holiday in the Sikh faith as Guru Nanak Dev’s was the First Guru of the Sikhs and the Founder of Sikhism. the holiday is celebrated according to the lunar date.	<b>REL</b>	

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### March 2022

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
March 2	ASH WEDNESDAY	<b>Western Christian</b> The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.	<b>Excused/Unexcused</b>	Observance not generally requiring student absence

### April 2022

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
April 2- May 1	RAMADAN	<b>Islamic</b> Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.	<b>Excused/Unexcused</b>	Observance not generally requiring student absence
April 10	RAMA NAVAMI	<b>Hindu Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.</b>	<b>REL</b>	
April 14	VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi)	<b>Sikh</b> The festival that celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.	<b>REL</b>	
*April 20– May 1	FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN	<b>Bahá'í</b> Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age. <b>The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.</b>	<b>REL</b> <b>April 21</b> <b>April 29</b> <b>May 2</b>	* Any other absent days associated with this observance are coded <b>Excused/Unexcused</b>

## May 2022

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
May 3	EID AL-FITR	<b>Islamic</b> The “Feast of the Breaking of the Fast” marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.	REL	
May 6	VISAKHA PUJA	<b>Buddhist</b> Also known as Vesak or Buddha Day, it marks the birth, spiritual awakening and death (nirvana) of the historical Buddha.	REL	
May 29	ASCENSION OF BAHÁ’U’LLÁH	<b>Bahá’í</b> Observance of the anniversary of the death in exile of Bahá’u’lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá’í Faith.	REL	

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<b>Religious Holy Days at a Glance for 2021-2022</b>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Observance</u>	<u>Absence Code</u>
August 18-19, 2021	Ashura	Religious August 19th
September 6-8, 2021	Rosh Hashanah	Religious September 7-8th
September 15-16, 2021	Yom Kippur	Religious
September 20-27, 2021	Sukkot	Excused/Unexcused
September 27-29, 2021	Shemini Atzeret	Religious
October 7- 15, 2021	Navaratri	Excused/Unexcused
October 19, 2021	MAWLID AL-NABI (Also Known As MILAD AL-NABI)	Religious
November 7, 2021	Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh	Religious
November 19, 2021	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday	Religious
March 2, 2022	Ash Wednesday	Excused/Unexcused
April 15-23, 2022	Passover/Pesach	Excused/Unexcused
April 2- May 1, 2022	Ramadan	Excused/Unexcused
April 10, 2022	Rama Navami	Religious
April 14, 2022	VAISAKHI (Also Spelled Baisakhi)	Religious
April 21, 2022	Festival Of Ridván	Religious
April 29, 2022	Festival Of Ridván	Religious
May 2, 2022	Festival Of Ridván	Religious
May 3, 2022	EID AL-FITR	Religious
May 6, 2022	Visakha Puja	Religious
May 29, 2022	Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh	Religious