

2022-2023 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.

September 2022

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
September 26-27	ROSH HASHANAH	Jewish 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 25 th and ends the evening of September 27 th . Any other days associated with this observance are coded Excused/Unexcused

October 2022

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
October 5	YOM KIPPUR	Jewish The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.	REL	
October 10-16	SUKKOT	Jewish The week-long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40- year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.	Excused/Unexcused	If students are absent during the week, absences would be considered excused/unexcused.
October 13	MAWLID AL-NABI (Also known as MILAD AL-NABI)	Islamic (Shi’a) 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.	REL	
October 17	SHEMINI ATZERET	Jewish “The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.	REL	
October 24	DIWALI	Hindu Also called <i>Deepavali</i> , “Festival of Lights”, it celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.	Excused/Unexcused	

November 2022

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
November 7	BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH	Bahá'í Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá' u'lláh.	REL	
November 26 – December 24	NAVARATRI	Hindu 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.	Excused/Unexcused	Observance not generally requiring student absence
November 8	GURU NANAK DEV JI'S BIRTHDAY	Sikh 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.	REL	

February 2023

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
February 22	ASH WEDNESDAY	Western Christian The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.	Excused/Unexcused	Observance not generally requiring student absence

March-April 2023

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
March 23- April 20	RAMADAN	Islamic Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.	Excused/Unexcused	Observance not generally requiring student absence
March 30	RAMA NAVAMI	Hindu Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.	REL	
April 14	VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi)	Sikh 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.	REL	
April 21- May 2	FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN	Bahá'í 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. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.	REL April 21 April 29 May 2	* Any other absent days associated with this observance are coded Excused/Unexcused
April 21	EID AL-FITR	Islamic The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.	REL	

May 2023

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
May 5	VISAKHA PUJA	Buddhist 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	Bahá'í 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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Religious Holy Days at a Glance 2022-2023		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Observance</u>	<u>Absence Code</u>
August 8, 2022	Ashura	Excused/Unexcused
September 26-27, 2022	Rosh Hashanah	Religious
October 5, 2022	Yom Kippur	Religious
October 10-16, 2022	Sukkot	Excused/Unexcused
October 13, 2022	MAWLID AL-NABI (Also Known As MILAD AL-NABI)	Religious
October 17, 2022	Shemini Atzeret	Religious
October 24, 2022	Diwali	Excused/Unexcused
Nov. 26-Dec. 5, 2022	Navaratri	Excused/Unexcused
November 7, 2022	Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh	Religious
November 8, 2022	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday	Religious
February 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday	Excused/Unexcused
April 6-13, 2023	Passover/Pesach	Excused/Unexcused
March 23-April 20, 2023	Ramadan	Excused/Unexcused
April 14, 2023	VAISAKHI (Also Spelled Baisakhi)	Religious
March 30, 2023	Rama Navami	Religious
April 21, 2023	Festival Of Ridván	Religious
April 29, 2023	Festival Of Ridván	Religious
May 2, 2023	Festival Of Ridván	Religious
April 21-May 2, 2023	EID AL-FITR	Religious
May 5, 2023	Visakha Puja	Religious
May 29, 2023	Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh	Religious