

2025-2026 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.**

Note: A parent note is sufficient documentation. Campus staff may not require that the student provide documentation from a clergy member or religious leader.

August 2025

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
August 15	*KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (Also known as JAYANTI)	Islamic (Sunni) The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi' al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims.	REL	

September 2025

Date	Observance	Description	Absence Code	Comment
September 21-23	*ROSH HASHANAH	Jewish. Beginning of the Jewish New Year and the first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.	REL	
September 22-10/1	*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	

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October 2	*YOM KIPPUR	Jewish. The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah	REL	
October 7-13	**SUKKOT	Jewish. The week long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40 year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promise Land.	REL	
October 14	*SHEMINI ATZERET	Jewish. “The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.	REL	
October 15	*SIMCHAT TORAH	Jewish. “Rejoicing in the Torah” celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Hebrew Bible) and its beginning anew.	REL	
October 20	*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	
October 22	*BIRTH OF THE BÁB	Bahá’í observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of siyyid, “the Bab,” the prophet-herald of the Bahá’í Faith, in Shiraz, Persia.	Excused/Unexcused	
October 23	BIRTH OF BAHÁ’U’LLÁH	Bahá’í Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá’u’lláh, prophet-founder of the Bahá’í Faith, in Núr, Persia.	REL	

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February 2026

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February 17	*LUNAR NEW YEAR	Also known as the Spring Festival, an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.	REL	
February 18- March 19	**RAMADAN	Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad, which is commemorated on March 7.	Excused/Unexcused	

March 2026

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March 3	*PURIM	The "Feast of Lots" marks the saving of the Jewish people of ancient Persia from extermination	REL	
March 20	*EID AL-FITR	The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.	REL	

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April 2-9	**PASSOVER/ PESACH	The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Jewish people's exodus from Egyptian enslavement. On April 2-3, and April 8-9, many Jewish people will refrain from work and other activities.	Excused/Unexcused	
April 3	*HOLY FRIDAY/ *GOOD FRIDAY	Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Easter. Known as Holy Friday in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.	Excused/Unexcused	
April 14	*YOM HASHOAH	"Holocaust Remembrance Day" memorializes the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and honors the resistance and resilience of the Jewish people.	Excused/Unexcused	
April 21-May 3	**FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN	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 Bahá'ís suspend work.	REL	

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May 22-23	*SHAVUOT	The "Feast of Weeks" celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.	REL	
May 27	*EID AL-ADHA	Commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience of a command from God. Marks the end of the annual Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca)	Excused/Unexcused	

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