

2020

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

(10 days)

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

(21 days)

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

(18 days)

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

(17 days)

AUGUST

31 FIRST DAY FOR TEACHERS

SEPTEMBER

7 LABOR DAY
16 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
19 ROSH HASHANAH (Saturday)
28 YOM KIPPUR

OCTOBER

12 COLUMBUS DAY

NOVEMBER

11 VETERANS DAY
14 DIWALI (Recognized Observance-Saturday)
25 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Recess
26-27 THANKSGIVING RECESS

DECEMBER

24-31 DECEMBER RECESS

2021

2021 IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

(19 days)

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

(15 days)

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

(23 days)

APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

(16 days)

MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

(20 days)

JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

(11 + snow days)

JANUARY

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

FEBRUARY

12 LUNAR NEW YEAR (Recognized Observance)
15-19 WINTER VACATION

APRIL

2 GOOD FRIDAY
19-23 SPRING VACATION

MAY

13 EID AL-FITR (Recognized Observance)
31 MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE (K-12)

23 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*
24 LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS
**170th day includes 5 snow days and is an early dismissal
If no snow days, the last day will be June 15 (early dismissal)*
JUNE (NECP)
22 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS includes 5 snow days and is a full day
If no snow days, the last day will be June 14 and is a full day

IMPORTANT START DATES**

High School begins September 16 (distance learning)
Middle School begins September 16 (distance learning)
Middle School Hybrid begins November (tentatively)
NECP & Elementary (K-5) Orientation: September 16 -18
NECP begins on September 21
Elementary (K-2) begins In-person hybrid September 21
Elem. (3-5) begins distance only on 9/21. In-person hybrid begins 9/29

EARLY DISMISSAL (day before Thanksgiving and last day only)
Elementary: 12:00; **Middle:** 11:30; **NN:** 11:00; **NS:**10:50

GRADUATION DATES FOR 2021

Newton North: June 9, 2021 and **Newton South:** June 10, 2021

As an increasingly diverse school district, Newton Public Schools celebrates the many cultures represented among our families. Our school calendar includes a list of holidays that are not days off from school. Students who celebrate these holidays continue, as in the past, to have excused absences from school on these days. However, in recognition of the growing number of students who celebrate Diwali, Lunar New Year and Eid al-Fitr, NPS has placed these holidays on the face of its calendar to increase awareness among students, teachers and staff that these are significant holidays for our student population. While these three holidays remain official school days, we hope that placing these days on the calendar reminds our families and teachers that students who celebrate these days have an excused absence from school, and assists them in avoiding the scheduling of major school events on these days.

Holiday Observances in Massachusetts (statewide legal holidays in bold).

HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	2020-2021
Eid al-Adha**	Thursday, July 30 - Friday, July 31
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Rosh Hashanah*	Saturday, September 19
Yom Kippur*	Monday, September 28
Sukkot	Friday, October 2 – Friday, October 9
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12
Diwali	Saturday, November 14
Veteran’s Day	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26
Chanukah*	Thursday, December 10 – Friday, December 18
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25
Kwanzaa	Saturday, December 26, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
New Year’s Day	Friday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 18
Lunar New Year	Friday, February 12
President’s Day	Monday, February 15
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 17
Palm Sunday	Sunday, March 28
Good Friday	Friday, April 2
Passover*	Sunday, March 27 – Saturday, April 3
Easter	Sunday, April 4
Orthodox Good Friday	Friday, April 30
Orthodox Easter	Sunday, May 2
Patriots’ Day	Monday, April 19
Ramadan**	Monday, April 12 – Tuesday, May 11
Shavuot*	Sunday, May 16 – Monday, May 17
Eid al-Fitr**	Wednesday, May 12 – Thursday, May 13
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31
Independence Day	Sunday, July 4

*All Jewish observances begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the observance. In addition to dates noted, observant Jews celebrate the second, seventh and eighth days of Passover; the second, eighth and ninth days of Sukkot; and two days of Shavuot (Mass. Lawyers Diary and Manual).

**Due to the lunar calendar, these are only approximate dates.