

**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			

Elementary (8 days)  
Middle/High (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)

**November 3 - Election Day**

**Elementary Cohort A:** in-person on Monday, Nov. 2 and Wednesday, Nov. 4

**All Elementary:** Tuesday, November 3 will be a Wednesday schedule

**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/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

**NOVEMBER**

11 VETERANS DAY  
14 DIWALI (Recognized Observance-Saturday)  
25 Early Dismissal K-12 (no school NECP)  
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			

Elem. (13 days + snow days)  
MS/HS (11 days + 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)**

19 JUNETEENTH (Recognized Observance)  
24 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS\*  
25 LAST DAY TEACHERS  
*\*170th day includes 5 snow days and is an early dismissal  
If no snow days, last day will be June 17 (early dismissal)*

**JUNE (NECP)**

23 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS includes 5 snow days and is a full day  
*If no snow days, last day will be June 16 (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)** In-person hybrid and (K-5) distance learning begins Sept. 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; **NECP:** No school

**GRADUATION DATES FOR 2021**

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



School Committee approved: 12/4/19  
Revised calendar approved: 9/14/20

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).

<b>HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Eid al-Adha**	Thursday, July 30 - Friday, July 31
<b>Labor Day</b>	Monday, September 7
Rosh Hashanah*	Saturday, September 19
Yom Kippur*	Monday, September 28
Sukkot	Friday, October 2 – Friday, October 9
<b>Columbus Day</b>	Monday, October 12
Diwali	Saturday, November 14
<b>Veteran’s Day</b>	Wednesday, November 11
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Thursday, November 26
Chanukah*	Thursday, December 10 – Friday, December 18
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Friday, December 25
Kwanzaa	Saturday, December 26, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
<b>New Year’s Day</b>	Friday, January 1
<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	Monday, January 18
Lunar New Year	Friday, February 12
<b>President’s Day</b>	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
<b>Patriots’ Day</b>	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
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Monday, May 31
<b>Independence Day</b>	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.