

2018-2019 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2018							FEBRUARY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4						1	2
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30	31		24	25	26	27	28		
SEPTEMBER 2018							MARCH 2019						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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OCTOBER 2018							APRIL 2019						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31				28	29	30				
NOVEMBER 2018							MAY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30		26	27	28	29	30	31	
DECEMBER 2018							JUNE 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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JANUARY 2019							JULY 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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STARTING DATES

August 27	Teachers Return
August 28	Pre-1 st - 5 Classes Begin
August 28	Grades 6 & 9 Orientation
August 28-30	PreK & Kindergarten Orientation Days
August 29	Grades 7, 8, & 10-12 Classes Begin
September 4	PreK & Kindergarten Classes Begin, along with Kindergarten Extended Day Program

NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAYS/VACATION DAYS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August 31 - Sept. 3	Labor Day Weekend
October 8	Columbus Day
October 9	Professional Development
November 12	Veteran's Day
November 22 - 23	Thanksgiving Break
December 24 - 31	Holiday Break
January 1	New Years Day Observed
January 21	Martin L. King Day
January 22	Professional Development
February 18 - 22	Winter Break
April 15 - 19	Spring Break
May 27	Memorial Day

EARLY RELEASE ALL SCHOOLS

November 21	Thanksgiving Break
December 6	Professional Development
February 6	Professional Development
March 14	Professional Development
April 3	Professional Development
May 16	Professional Development
June 14	Tentative last student day

* Kindergarten AM/PM Sessions – In order to achieve equity in instructional time, the Early Release days in November – March, AM students will attend; PM students will have no school. For the Early Release days in April – June, PM students will attend in the morning; AM students will have no school.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

August 22	Eid al-Adha
September 10 - 11	Rosh Hashanah
September 19	Yom Kippur
November 7	Diwali begins
December 3 - 10	Chanukah
December 25	Christmas
December 26 - Jan. 1	Kwanzaa
February 5	Lunar New Year
April 19	Good Friday
April 20 - 27	Passover
April 21	Easter
May 6 - June 4	Ramadan
June 3 - June 4	Ed al-Fitr

The observance of both Jewish and Muslim holidays begins at sundown of the preceding day. Please see polices related to celebrating holidays on back of calendar. *

KEY

 No School ALL Schools	 Early Release ALL Schools
 Religious & Cultural Holidays	 5 Snow Days*

BOLD #'s Conference Days

*Important note to staff & parents: June 17-21 are possible school days. It is highly recommended that you reserve these days.

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

September 13	Abbot School
September 13	Day School
September 13	Crisafulli School
September 18	1 st & 2 nd Grades
September 20	Blanchard
September 20	Stony Brook
September 27	Kindergarten & Pre-First
October 4	Westford Academy (No classes at WA)
October 18	Preschool

PARENT CONFERENCES

Please note the different dates for no school days and delays for conferences.

- Nov. 19** Grades PreK - 8 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - **No School**
- Nov. 20** Grades PreK - 5 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay
- Nov. 20** Grades 6 - 8 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay
- Mar. 25** Grades PreK - 5 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - **No School**
- Mar. 26** Grades PreK - 5 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay

MARKING PERIODS

Preschool Marking Period Ends: Jan. 18 & June 14
 Elementary Marking Period Ends: Nov. 30, March 8 & June 14
 Middle School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 21, March 15 & June 14
 High School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 2, Jan. 25, April 5 & June 14

STARTING AND DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

<u>School</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>	<u>Early Dismissal</u>
Westford Academy	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Blanchard	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Stony Brook	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Grades 3-5	8:25 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	11:40 a.m.
Grades K-2	9:05 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	12:20 p.m.
K (a.m.)	9:05 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:20 p.m.
K (p.m.)	12:40 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	No school
PreK (a.m.)	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
PreK (p.m.)	12:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	No school

SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Approximately 5:30 A.M.)

- Web:** westfordk12.us
- Radio:** WBZ (1030), WCAP (980), WRKO (680)
- TV:** WBZ (4), WCBV (5), WHDH (7), FOX 25

School Committee approved: 4/9/18

* MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS POLICIES

Per Policy 5114: The existence of a religious holiday on a given day is, in and of itself, not a valid reason for removing a full or half day from the school calendar. A partial list of major cultural holidays will be listed on the reverse of the school calendar for reference only. If a committee is in place, the district or town cultural committee will review the list bi-annually. A more complete list of Massachusetts's legal holidays and some major religious holidays can be accessed annually at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/resources/holidays.html>.

Per Policy 5203: To be consistent with the spirit and letter of the law, and to avoid compromising any student's religious freedoms, the following guidelines are established.

Excused Absences – The Westford Public Schools will allow excused absences to celebrate religious holidays.

Notification of Absence – Parents are expected to follow procedures for 'reporting an absence' as stipulated in the student handbook.

Religious Holiday Observance – A student may not be penalized for his/her observance of a religious holiday. The student is expected to complete work impacted by the religious observance within one week of the holiday. Any missed tests or quizzes shall be taken within a week of the missed day, at a time mutually agreeable to the teacher and the student. At the elementary and middle school, it may be necessary to involve the student's parent/guardian for transportation consideration. Staff and teachers shall provide students with class notes or syllabus, and any assignments prior to the absence if requested and if available. Otherwise these items shall be provided upon return from a religious holiday.

Sports and Extracurricular Activities – Students shall not be penalized because they are unable to participate in a sporting event, practice, try-outs or any other extra-curricular activity due to their observance of a religious holiday.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: March 4, 2019, 6-8 p.m. and March 5, 2019, 9 - 12 noon

WA GRADUATION: June 7, 2019