



# Proposed Calendars:

2022-2023

2023-2024

WSSD School Board Meeting

December 13, 2021



# Wallingford-Swarthmore School District

## Mission and Vision Statements



### **MISSION**

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is committed to assuring the academic achievement and personal growth of all students within an environment that promotes:

- Respect for self and others
- Active engagement in learning
- Leadership in the global community
- The pursuit of excellence

### **VISION**

Our vision is to develop a world-class school district that provides students with the skills to succeed in a changing global environment. This vision will be realized through a commitment to high-quality programs and continuous improvement based upon careful analysis and integration of the most effective practices.

# Meeting Agenda



## Calendars

- 2022-2023: Two calendars will be presented  
*Option A*
  - 1A Pre-Labor Day Start
  - 2A Post-Labor Day Start
- 2023-2024: One calendar will be presented  
*Option B*
  - 1B Pre-Labor Day Start

# Meeting Agenda



## Considerations for Pre-Labor Day Start

### Pre-Labor Day Start

More instructional time prior to state mandated testing.

Summer activities start early (mid June)

There is a break between when school ends and when summer school begins.

Balance the distribution of days between 2 semesters

# Meeting Agenda



## Proposed Calendars: Timeline & Focus Areas

- Meetings (Administrative Team)  
Essential question: What factors or philosophy drive the development of the WSSD calendar?  
First meeting: September 21  
Opportunities for feedback from teachers, community members, students and administrators
- *Educational Affairs Committee Meeting: Calendar Part 1 Presentation - November 4*
  - Historical design of WSSD calendar
  - Overview of calendars in tri-county school districts ( Bucks, Montco & Delaware)
  - Opportunity for feedback and comments
- *Educational Affairs Committee Meeting: Calendar Part 2 Presentation - December 1*
  - Proposed calendars: 2022-2023 & 2023-2024
  - Religious/Cultural holiday considerations
  - Policy #204
  - Opportunity for feedback & comments

# Meeting Agenda



## Highlights

- Pre-Labor Day and Post-Labor Day start of the academic year
- Professional Development Days
  - Full days (K-12)
  - Reflective of the academic year
  - Line up to holiday weekends
- Design of the calendar
  - Graphic features
  - Back of the calendar - additional district information
- June 19 - Federal Holiday (District Closed)
- Snow days
- Programmatic impact
  - Music
  - Athletics

# Programmatic Impacts

## Meeting Agenda



### Summer Programs

#### **Music**

*Start Date:* WSSD Summer Band, Choral, Orchestra  
Program

June 20 - July 21

Marching Band August  
(*Date determined by start date of the calendar*)

#### **Athletics**

*Start Date:* Football August 8  
Fall Sports August 15

# Meeting Agenda

## Proposed Calendars: 2022-2023 Pre-Labor Day Start

### Wallingford-Swarthmore School District 2022 - 2023 School Year Calendar

JULY 2022						
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						

AUGUST 2022						
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			

SEPTEMBER 2022						
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	

OCTOBER 2022						
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					

NOVEMBER 2022						
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			

DECEMBER 2022						
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

- July**  
4 Holiday - District Closed
- August**  
16, 17 New Teacher In-Service Days  
22-25 Teacher In-Service Days  
26 Teacher In-Service (flex/prep day)  
29 First Day for Students
- September**  
2 Holiday - Schools Closed  
5 Holiday - District Closed  
26 Holiday - Schools Closed
- October**  
5 Holiday - Schools Closed  
10 Teacher In-Service Day
- November**  
8 Teacher In-Service Day  
17, 21 Grades K - 5 Evening Parent Conferences  
18, 21 Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session  
21 Grades 6 - 8 Evening Parent Conferences  
22 Grades 6 - 8 Afternoon Parent Conferences - 11:05 AM student dismissal  
23 Grades K - 5 Full Day Parent Conferences - No School for Students/ 6-12 (Early Dismissal)  
24, 25 Holiday - District Closed
- December**  
5-16 Keystone Exams  
23 Grades 1-6 (12:30 PM Dismissal)  
Kindergarten Modified Schedule  
26-27, 29-30 Winter Recess - District Closed  
28 Winter Recess - Schools Closed
- January**  
2 Winter Recess - District Closed  
4-18 Keystone Exams  
16 Holiday - District Closed  
17 Teacher In-Service Day
- February**  
17 Teacher In-Service Day  
20 Holiday - District Closed
- March**  
17 Teacher In-Service Day  
28, 29 Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session  
30, 31 Gr. K - 5 Parent Conf. - No School for Students  
30 K - 5 Evening Parent Conferences
- April**  
3-7 Spring Recess - Schools Closed  
24-28 PSSA Grades 3 - 8 English Language Arts
- May**  
1-12 PSSA Grades 3 - 8 Science; Math; Make-Ups  
15-26 Keystone Exams  
16 Teacher In-Service Day  
29 Holiday - District Closed
- June**  
9 Last Day for Students  
12, 13 Teacher In-Service Day  
19 Holidays - District Closed

District Closed (All Employees)
New Teacher In-Service Days
In-Service Days for Teachers (Performed Under Act 80 (Eligible))
School Closed (for Teachers and Students Only)
No School for Students/ Student Conferences (Teachers)
Modified Schedule/ Early Dismissal
Keystone Exam Testing
PSSA Exam Testing

JANUARY 2023						
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				

FEBRUARY 2023						
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			

MARCH 2023						
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

APRIL 2023						
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						

MAY 2023						
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			

JUNE 2023						
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	



# Meeting Agenda

## Proposed Calendars: 2022-2023 Pre-Labor Day Start

2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Marking Period Dates		
Marking Period 1	August 29	November 4
Marking Period 2	November 7	January 20
Marking Period 3	January 23	March 29
Marking Period 4	April 10	June 9

School Closing Dates (Full Day)	
September 2	Schools Closed
September 5	Holiday
September 26	Holiday
October 5	Holiday
October 10	Teacher In-Service Day
November 8	Teacher In-Service Day
November 23 (K-5)	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 24, 25	Holiday
December 26 – January 2	Winter Recess
January 16	Holiday
January 17	Teacher In-Service Day
February 17	Teacher In-Service Day
February 20	Holiday
March 17	Teacher In-Service Day
March 30, 31 (K-5)	Parent Teacher Conferences
April 3-7	Spring Recess
May 16	Teacher In-Service Day
May 29	Holiday
June 19	Holiday

State Assessment Dates	
December 5-16	Keystone Exams
January 4-18	Keystone Exams
April 24-28	PSSA ELA (Grades 3-8)
May 1-12	PSSA Science, Math (Grades 3-8)
May 15-26	Keystone Exams

Early Dismissals		
November 21, 22	Grades 6-8	11: 05 dismissal
December 23	Grades K-5	12: 30 dismissal

\*Snow make-up days will be June 12, 13. The last day for students & teachers may be June 13.

# Meeting Agenda

## Proposed Calendars: 2022-2023 Post-Labor Day Start

### Wallingford-Swarthmore School District 2022 - 2023 School Year Calendar

Month	Day	Notes
JULY 2022	4	Holiday - District Closed
	23, 24	New Teacher In-Service Days
	29	Teacher In-Service (lead prep day)
	30, 31	Teacher In-Service Days
AUGUST 2022	1	Teacher In-Service Day
	2	Holiday - Schools Closed
	5	Holiday - District Closed
	6	First Day for Students
	26	Holiday - Schools Closed
SEPTEMBER 2022	5	Holiday - Schools Closed
	10	Teacher In-Service Day
	8	Teacher In-Service Day
	17, 21	Grades K - 5 Evening Parent Conferences
	18, 21	Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session
OCTOBER 2022	21	Grades 6 - 8 Evening Parent Conferences
	21, 22	Grades 6 - 8 Afternoon Parent Conferences - 11:05 AM student dismissal
	23	Grades K - 5 Full Day Parent Conferences - No School for Students 6-12 (Early Dismissal)
	24, 25	Holiday - District Closed
NOVEMBER 2022	5-18	Keystone Exams
	26-27, 29-30	Winter Recess - District Closed
	28	Winter Recess - Schools Closed
DECEMBER 2022	2	Winter Recess - District Closed
	4-18	Keystone Exams
	16	Holiday - District Closed
	17	Teacher In-Service Day
JANUARY 2023	17	Teacher In-Service Day
	20	Holiday - District Closed
FEBRUARY 2023	9	Teacher In-Service Day
	26	Grades K - 5 Evening Parent Conferences
	26, 29	Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session
	30, 31	Grades K - 5 Full Day Parent Conferences - No School for Students
MARCH 2023	3-7	Spring Recess - Schools Closed
	24-26	PSSA Grades 3 - 8 English Language Arts
APRIL 2023	1-12	PSSA Grades 3 - 8 Science, Math, Make-Ups
	15-26	Keystone Exams
	18	Teacher In-Service Day
	29	Holiday - District Closed
MAY 2023	18	Last Day for Students
	19	Holiday - District Closed
	20, 21	Teacher In-Service Day
JUNE 2023		

- District Closed (uniquely)
- New Teacher In-Service Days
- In-Service Days for Teachers (noted later in calendar)
- School Closed for Teacher and Student Day
- No School for Students/ Student Conferences (teachers)
- Modified Schedule/ Early Dismissal
- Keystone Exam Testing
- PSSA Exam Testing

# Meeting Agenda

## Proposed Calendars: 2022-2023 Post-Labor Day Start

### 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Marking Period Dates		
Marking Period 1	September 6	November 11
Marking Period 2	November 14	January 27
Marking Period 3	January 30	March 31
Marking Period 4	April 10	June 16

School Closing Dates (Full Day)	
September 26	Holiday
October 5	Holiday
October 10	Teacher In-Service Day
November 8	Teacher In-Service Day
November 23 (K-5)	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 24, 25	Holiday
December 26 – January 2	Winter Recess
January 16	Holiday
January 17	Teacher In-Service Day
February 17	Teacher In-Service Day
February 20	Holiday
March 17	Teacher In-Service Day
March 30, 31 (K-5)	Parent Teacher Conferences
April 3-7	Spring Recess
May 16	Teacher In-Service Day
May 29	Holiday
June 19	Holiday

State Assessment Dates	
December 5-16	Keystone Exams
January 4-18	Keystone Exams
April 24-28	PSSA ELA (Grades 3-8)
May 1-12	PSSA Science, Math (Grades 3-8)
May 15-26	Keystone Exams

Early Dismissals		
November 21, 22, 23	Grades 6-8	11: 05 dismissal
December 23	Grades K-5	12: 30 dismissal

\*Snow make-up days will be June 20, 21. The last day for students & teachers may be June 22.

# Meeting Agenda

## Proposed Calendars:

### 2023-2024

## Wallingford-Swarthmore School District 2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar

JULY 2023						
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					

AUGUST 2023						
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		

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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

OCTOBER 2023						
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				

NOVEMBER 2023						
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		

DECEMBER 2023						
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						

- July**  
4 Holiday - District Closed
- August**  
15, 18 New Teacher In-Service Days  
21-24 Teacher In-Service Days  
28 First Day for Students
- September**  
1 Holiday - Schools Closed  
4 Holiday - District Closed  
25 Holiday - Schools Closed
- October**  
9 Teacher In-Service Day
- November**  
7 Teacher In-Service Day  
15, 18 Grades K - 5 Evening Parent Conferences  
20, 21 Grades 6 - 8 Afternoon Parent Conferences - 11:05 AM student dismissal  
21 Grades K - 5 Full Day Parent Conferences - No School for Students  
22 Holiday - Schools Closed  
23, 24 Holiday - District Closed
- December**  
22 Grades K-12 - Modified Schedule  
Grades 1-5 Half Day - 12:30 PM dismissal  
25, 26, 29 Winter Recess - District Closed  
27, 28 Winter Recess - Schools Closed
- January**  
1 Winter Recess - District Closed  
15 Holiday - District Closed  
16 Teacher In-Service Day
- February**  
16 Teacher In-Service Day  
19 Holiday - District Closed
- March**  
15 Teacher In-Service Day  
19, 20 Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session  
21 K - 5 Evening Parent Conferences  
25 - 29 Gr. K - 5 Parent Conf. - No School for Students  
Spring Recess - Schools Closed
- April**  
23 Teacher In-Service Day
- May**  
27 Holiday - District Closed
- June**  
7 Last Day for Students (Early Dismissal)  
10, 11, 12 Teacher In-Service Days  
19 Holiday - District Closed

<span style="background-color: #d3d3d3; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> District Closed (All/Some)
<span style="background-color: #e0e0e0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> New Teacher In-Service Days
<span style="background-color: #ffff00; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> In-Service Days for Teachers
<span style="background-color: #d3d3d3; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> School Closed for Teachers and Students (e.g.)
<span style="background-color: #d3d3d3; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> No School for Students/ Student Conferences (e.g.)
<span style="background-color: #ffcc99; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Modified Schedule/ Early Dismissal

JANUARY 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		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			

FEBRUARY 2024						
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		

MARCH 2024						
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						

APRIL 2024						
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				

MAY 2024						
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	

JUNE 2024						
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						

# Meeting Agenda

## Proposed Calendars:

2023-2024

### 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Marking Period Dates		
Marking Period 1	August 28	November 3
Marking Period 2	November 6	January 24
Marking Period 3	January 25	April 5
Marking Period 4	April 8	June 11

School Closing Dates (Full Day)	
September 25	Holiday
October 9	Teacher In-Service Day
November 7	Teacher In-Service Day
November 21 (K-5)	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22, 23, 24	Holiday
December 22 – January 1	Winter Recess
January 15	Holiday
January 16	Teacher In-Service Day
February 16	Teacher In-Service Day
February 19	Holiday
March 15	Teacher In-Service Day
March 21,22 (K-5)	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 25-29	Spring Recess
April 23	Teacher In-Service Day
May 27	Holiday
June 19	Holiday

State Assessment Dates (TBD)	
	Keystone Exams
	Keystone Exams
	PSSA ELA (Grades 3-8)
	PSSA Science, Math (Grades 3-8)
	Keystone Exams

Early Dismissals		
November 20,21	Grades 6-8	11: 05 dismissal
December 22	Grades K-5	12: 30 dismissal

\*Snow make-up days will be June 10,11, 12.The last day for students & teachers may be June 13.

# Meeting Agenda



## Calendar of Observances 2021

The increasingly pluralistic population of the United States is made up of many different ethnic, cultural, faith and religious communities. To enhance mutual understanding among groups and promote inclusive communities, the ADL offers this resource as a tool to increase awareness of and respect for religious obligations and ethnic and cultural festivities that may affect students, colleagues and neighbors in your community.

### Religious Observations

The calendar includes significant religious observances of the major faiths represented in the United States. It can be used when planning school exam schedules and activities, workplace festivities and community events. **Note that Bahá'í, Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the previous day and end at sundown on the date listed.**

### National and International Holidays

The calendar notes U.S. holidays that are either legal holidays or observed in various states and communities throughout the country. Important national and international observances that may be commemorated in the U.S. are also included.

### Calendar System

The dates of secular holidays are based on the Gregorian calendar, which is commonly used for civil dating purposes. Many religions and cultures follow various traditional calendar systems that are often based on the phases of the moon with occasional adjustments for the solar cycle. Therefore, specific Gregorian calendar dates for these observances will differ from year to year. In addition, calculation of specific dates may vary by geographical location and according to different sects within a religion.

[NOTE: Observances highlighted in yellow indicate that the dates are tentative or not yet set by the organizations who coordinate them.]

## Diversity Holidays January 2021

**1** New Year's Day, the first day of the year according to the modern Gregorian calendar; celebrated within most Western countries.

**Feast Day of St. Basil**, a holiday observed by the Eastern Orthodox Church, commemorating the death of Saint Basil the Great.

**3** **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church, commemorates the naming of the child Jesus.

**4** **World Braille Day**, observed in order to raise awareness of the importance of braille as a means of communication in the full restoration of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people. Celebrated on Louis Braille's birthday, the inventor of braille.

**5** **Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday**, the Tenth Guru of the Sikhs who initiated the Sikhs as the Khanda (the pure ones) and is known as the father of the Khanda.

**Twelfth Night**, a festival celebrated by some branches of Christianity that marks the coming of the Epiphany.

**6** **Epiphany or Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day)**, a holiday observed by Eastern and Western Christians that recognizes the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus 12 days after his birth.

**Christmas**, recognized on this day by Armenian Orthodox Christians, who celebrate the birth of Jesus on Epiphany.

**7** **Christmas**, recognized on this day by Eastern Orthodox Christians, who celebrate Christmas 13 days later than other Christian churches because they follow the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian version of the Western calendar.

**13** **Lauri Maghi**, an annual festival celebrated by the Sikhs commemorating the memory of 40 Sikh martyrs.



WORLD BRAILLE DAY

**14** **April 27 Kumbh Mela**, a mass pilgrimage event which takes place every 12 years and is of deep religious significance to Hindus. Millions of devotees and pilgrims congregate on the banks of the Ganges River to take part in a ritual bathing on various dates through April 27. It is believed that taking a dip in the holy water cleanses devotees of their sins. It is known as the world's largest religious and cultural human gathering.

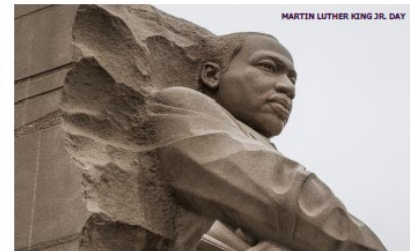
**14** **Makar Sankranti**, a major harvest festival celebrated in various parts of India.

**17** **World Religion Day**, observed by those of the

**18** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** commemorates the birth of Martin Luther King Jr., the recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and an activist for nonviolent social change until his assassination in 1968.

**18-25** **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, during which Christians pray for unity between all churches of the Christian faith.

**19** **Thinkal**, a holiday observed by Ethiopian Orthodox Christians who celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River on Epiphany.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Bahá'í faith to promote interfaith harmony and understanding.

**26** **Republic Day of India** recognizes the date the Constitution of India came into law in 1950, replacing the Government of India Act of 1950. This day also coincides with India's 1950 declaration of independence.

**27** **The International Day of Commemoration** to remember the victims of the Holocaust. The anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945 and U.N. Holocaust Memorial Day.

**28** **Mahayana New Year**, a holiday celebrated by the Mahayana Buddhist branch, on the first full-moon day in January.

obligations of the living." —Former President Barack Obama.

(sundown to sundown): **Tu B'Shevat or on Rosh Ha'Shanah La'Tanukh**, a Jewish holiday recognizing "The New Year of the Trees." It is celebrated on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. In Israel, the flowering of the almond tree usually coincides with the holiday, which is observed by planting trees and eating dried fruits and nuts.

(sundown to sundown): **Holocaust Remembrance Day**, a time to "honor the lost of lives, celebrate those who survived, and contemplate the

obligations of the living." —Former President Barack Obama.

(sundown to sundown): **Tu B'Shevat or on Rosh Ha'Shanah La'Tanukh**, a Jewish holiday recognizing "The New Year of the Trees." It is celebrated on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. In Israel, the flowering of the almond tree usually coincides with the holiday, which is observed by planting trees and eating dried fruits and nuts.

(sundown to sundown): **Holocaust Remembrance Day**, a time to "honor the lost of lives, celebrate those who survived, and contemplate the

# Meeting Agenda



How do we define recognition?

What Cultural Holidays do we want to recognize?

What Religious Holidays do we want to recognize?

Who needs to be at the table to have this conversation?

# Meeting Agenda



## Policy# 204

# Policy# 204

Title:Attendance

Adopted July 17, 2006

Last Revised December 9, 2019

## Board Docs

- Pre-Approved College Visitations
- Pre-Approved Religious Instruction (limit 36 hours per year)[[25](#)][[29](#)]
- Bona Fide Religious Holiday[[25](#)]
- For purposes of receiving tutorial instruction in a field not offered in the District's curricula when the excusal does not interfere with the student's regular program of studies, the qualifications of the tutor or instructor are satisfactory to the Superintendent or designee, and permission for such excusal is sought in writing by the parent/guardian of the child in advance of the commencement of such tutoring.[[5](#)][[11](#)][[15](#)]



# Meeting Agenda



## Policy# 204

### Excused Absences

A student absence is considered excused under the following circumstances:

1. When the student is prevented from attendance for mental, physical, or other urgent reasons such as:
  - Illness (Absences of 3 or more consecutive school days require a doctor's note.)[\[3\]](#)[\[6\]](#)
  - Family Emergency
  - Quarantine
  - Recovery from Accident
  - Death of a Family Member
  - Participation in a musical performance in conjunction with a national veterans' organization or incorporated unit for an event or funeral. The national veterans' organization or incorporated unit must provide the student with note in advance of the absence indicating the date, location and time of the event or funeral.[\[6\]](#)
  - Medical and Dental Appointments
  - Authorized School Activities
  - Pre-Approved Educational Tours/ Educational Family Trips (Maximum 10 days per school year) (See Attachment C). In order for educational tours/educational trips to be recognized as excused absences, the following conditions must be met:[\[6\]](#)[\[26\]](#)
    - The student must be in good academic, disciplinary, and attendance standing; and
    - The parent/guardian must submit the Trip Preapproval Request Form (Attachment C) at least one week prior to the absence; the request must be approved by the building principal or designee prior to the tour/trip.

# Meeting Agenda



- Pre-Approved College Visitations
  - Pre-Approved Religious Instruction (limit 36 hours per year)[\[25\]](#)[\[29\]](#)
  - Bona Fide Religious Holiday[\[25\]](#)
  - For purposes of receiving tutorial instruction in a field not offered in the District's curricula when the excusal does not interfere with the student's regular program of studies, the qualifications of the tutor or instructor are satisfactory to the Superintendent or designee, and permission for such excusal is sought in writing by the parent/guardian of the child in advance of the commencement of such tutoring.[\[5\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[15\]](#)
  - Circumstances Related to Homelessness and/or Placement in Foster Care[\[3\]](#)[\[6\]](#)
2. When the student is required to leave school for the purposes of attending court hearings related to their involvement with the county children and youth agency or juvenile probation office.
  3. If the student is absent due to participation in a project sponsored by an organization that is eligible to apply for a grant under the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act.[\[1\]](#)[\[6\]](#)
  4. If a student is dismissed from school during school hours for health-related reasons by a certified school nurse, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or a school administrator or designee employed by the District.
  5. For the purpose of obtaining professional health care or therapy service rendered by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in any state, commonwealth or territory.
  6. If a student whose parent or legal guardian has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or is immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, with regard to school attendance, tests and extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, no penalties shall be imposed for absences of up to five (5) days. Teachers shall assist students in making up work caused by such absences.
  7. For other strictly construed, urgent reasons, as determined by the Superintendent.

Teachers shall assist students in making up work caused by excused absences, including, where applicable, providing work prior to the absence, rescheduling assessments, deferral of assignment deadlines, and other reasonable accommodations.