

Key Dates for School Calendars 2020-21

Here are some special days you may want to note on your 2020-21 school year calendar or take into consideration as you establish programs for next year. They are from Resources for Planning the School Calendar, published and distributed by the National School Public Relations Association, 5948 Derwood Road, Rockville, MD 20855.

2020	Observance/Holiday
Sept. 1-30	Library Card Sign-Up Month
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 8-14	Nat'l Arts in Education Week
Sept. 11	Patriot Day
Sept. 13	Grandparents' Day
Sept. 15- Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept. 15-16	Mexican Independence Days
Sept. 16	Mayflower Day
Sept. 17	Citizenship/Constitution Day
Sept. 17-23	Constitution Week
Sept. 18-20	Rosh Hashanah*
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace
Sept. 22	First Day of Autumn
Sept. 27-28*	Yom Kippur <i>*Begins at sunset on the preceding day</i>
Sept. 28	National Good Neighbor Day
Oct. 1	Child Health Day
Oct. 1-31	Crime Prevention Month
Oct. 1-31	Czech Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	Italian Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	National Bullying Prevention Month
Oct. 1-31	National Principals Month
Oct. 1-31	Polish American Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Month
Oct. 5	Child Health Day
Oct. 7	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 4-10	National Metric Week
Oct. 4-10	Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 6	German American Day
Oct. 6-12	National Educational Office Professionals Week
Oct. 12	Canadian Thanksgiving
Oct. 12	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Oct. 12-16	National School Lunch Week
Oct. 16	World Food Day
Oct. 19-23	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 20-26	National Character Counts Week
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)
Oct. 24	Make a Difference Day
Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1-30	Native American Heritage Month
Nov. 1	Standard Time
Nov. 3	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 18	Education Support Professionals Day
Nov. 16-20	American Education Week
Nov. 19	Gettysburg Address Anniversary
Nov. 19	Nat'l Parental Involvement Day
Nov. 20	Substitute Educators Day
Nov. 22-28	National Family Week
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day
Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day
Dec. 10-18	Hanukkah* <i>*Begins at sunset on the preceding day.</i>
Dec. 15	Bill of Rights Day
Dec. 21	First Day of Winter
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26-Jan 1	Kwanzaa

2021	Observance/Holiday
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
Jan. 1-31	School Board Recognition Month
Jan. 17	World Religion Day

Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Feb. 1	National Freedom Day	March 21-27	National Poison Prevention Week
Feb. 1-28	African American History Month	March 27-28	Passover* (First Days) <i>*Begins at sunset on the preceding day</i>
Feb. 1-28	Nat'l Children's Dental Health Month	April 1	April Fools' Day
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day	April 1-30	National Poetry Month
Feb. 8-12	National School Counseling Week	April 1-30	National Autism Awareness Month
Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	April 1-30	National Occupational Therapy Month
Feb. 12	Chinese New Year	April 1-30	School Library Month
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	April 2	International Children's Book Day
Feb. 16	Mardi Gras	April 2	Good Friday
Feb. 17	National PTA Founders Day	April 4	Easter
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day	April 3-4	Passover (Concluding Days)
Feb. 20-27	National FFA Week	April 5-9	National Library Week
Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday	April 7	World Health Day
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	April 8-9	Holocaust Remembrance Day <i>*Begins at sunset on the preceding day</i>
Feb. 26- April 11	Lent	April 13	First Day of Ramadan
March 1-31	American Red Cross Month	April 18-24	National Volunteer Week
March 1-31	Irish American Heritage Month	April 18-24	National Coin Week
March 1-31	Music in Our Schools Month	April 18-24	Administrative Professionals Week
March 1-31	Nat'l Middle Level Education Month	April 19-25	National Student Leadership Week
March 1-31	National Nutrition Month®	April 19	Patriot's Day
March 1-31	Social Work Month	April 19-23	Public School Volunteer Week
March 1-31	Women's History Month	April 21	Administrative Professionals Day
March 1-31	Youth Art Month	April 22	Earth Day
March 2	NEA's Read Across America (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)	April 22	Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day™
March 2-6	Classified School Employees Week. <i>Dates differ by state. Usually scheduled for a full week in March.</i>	April 30	National Arbor Day
March 2-8	National Foreign Language Week	May 1	Law Day
March 8	International Women's Day	May 1	School Lunch Hero Day
March 8-12	National School Breakfast Week	May 1-7	Nat'l Physical Education and Sports Week
March 11	Johnny Appleseed Day	May 1-31	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
March 14	Daylight Saving Time	May 1-31	Better Hearing and Speech Month
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	May 1-31	National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
March 18	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®		
March 20	First Day of Spring		
March 20	Bahá'í New Year's Day		

May 1-31	Preservation Month
May 2-8	Be Kind to Animals Week
May 2-9	National Music Week
May 3	World Press Freedom Day
May 4	Horace Mann's Birthday
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4	National Teacher Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 5	National Bike to School Day
May 8	World Red Cross Day
May 9	Mother's Day
May 9-15	Food Allergy Action Week
May 12	National School Nurse Day
May 15	Armed Forces Day
May 24	Victoria Day (Canada)
May 31	Memorial Day
May 31	World No Tobacco Day
June-July	Fireworks Safety Month
June 1-30	Caribbean-American Heritage Month
June 1-30	Great Outdoors Month
June 5	World Environment Day
June 13	Race Unity Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 16	International Day of the African Child
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	First Day of Summer
June 20	Father's Day