

WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS & WPC AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

AUGUST

26 Teachers Return 27 Professional Day Orientation Gr 6 & 9 Only 28 Grades 1-12 Classes Begin

28-30 PK & K Orientation WPC Session 1 (Aug.28-Oct.25, 2024)

Student Days: 3

AUGUST 2024							
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FEBRUARY

5 Early Release Professional Day 17 Presidents Day holiday 17-21 February Recess-Recreation Special Program Days offered (Feb.18-21)

Student Days: 15

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day holiday

3 State Primary-Recreation Special Program Day

4 PK & K Classes Begin

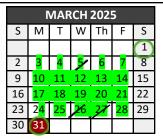
19 Back to School Night Gr 3-5

24 Back to School Night PK-2

26 Back to School Night Gr 6-8

Student Days: 19

SEPTEMBER 2024							
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MARCH

5 Early Release Professional Day 26-27 Early Release Parent Conf PK-5 31 Eid al-Fitr Observed-Recreation

Special Program

WPC Session 4, (Mar.3-May 2, 2025)

Student Days: 20

OCTOBER

10 WA Only Early Release for Back to School Night14 Indigenous People's Day holiday

WPC Session 2 (Oct. 28-Dec. 20, 2024)

Student Days: 22

OCTOBER 2024							
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APRIL

18 Early Release Good Friday 21-25 April Recess

Recreation Special Program
Days offered (Apr.22-25)

21 Patriot's Day holiday

Student Days: 17

NOVEMBER

1 <u>Diwali Observed-Recreation Special</u> Program Day

5 Presidential Election/ Professional
Day- Recreation Special Program Day

Day- Recreation Special Program Day
11 Veterans Day holiday

27 Early Release Thanksgiving Recess 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday Recess

Student Days: 16

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6 Town Election / Professional Day -Recreation Special Program Day

26 Memorial Day holiday

WPC Session 5, (May 5-June TBD, 2025)

Student Days: 20

DECEMBER

11-12 Early Release Parent Conf PK-5 20 Early Release December Recess 23-31 December Recess

Student Days: 15

DECEMBER 2024						
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<u>JUNE</u>

6 Westford Academy Graduation 18 Tentative Last Students Day 19 Juneteenth holiday

Student Days: 13

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day

<u>8-9 Early Release Parent Conf Gr 6-8-only</u> 20 Martin L. King Jr. Day-

29 Lunar New Year-Recreation Special Program Day

WPC Session 3, (Jan.2 -Feb.28, 2025)

Student Days: 20

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Total Student Days: 180 Total Staff Days: 184

Total does not include 5 provisional snow days.

Last day students June 18th

Early Release

No School

Religious & Cultural Holidays

Provisional Snow Days



Starting and Dismissal Schedule

School	Start	Dismissal	Early Dismissal
Westford Academy	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Blanchard MS	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Stony Brook MS	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.
PK a.m.	9:05 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
PK p.m.	12:40 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	No School

Back To School Nights

September 19 Grades 3-5
September 24 Grades PK & K-2
September 26 Grades 6-8

October 10 Westford Academy early release for students

Parent Conferences

December 11-12 Elementary Schools
January 8-9 Middle Schools
March 26-27 Elementary Schools

Marking Period End Dates

Preschool: Jan 24

Elem Schools: Nov 27, Mar 14
Middle Schools: Nov 27, Mar 14, Jun 18
High School: Oct 30, Jan 23, Apr 2, Jun 18

WA Graduation

June 6, 2025

School Closings or Delays

Announcements are made on the following broadcasts.

Web: www.westfordk12.us Radio: WBZ (1030), WRKO (680)

TV: WBZ (4), WCVB (5), WHDH (7), FOX 25

Major Religious & Cultural Holiday Policies

<u>Per Policy 5114</u>: 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.

<u>Per Policy 5203</u>: 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 Absences: Parents are expected to follow procedures for 'reporting an absence' as stipulated in the student handbook.

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 extracurricular activity due to their observance of a religious holiday.

Religious Holiday Observance: A student may not be penalized for their observance of a religious holiday. The student is expected to complete work impacted by the religious observance within one week of the missed day, at a time mutually agreeable to the teacher and the student. 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.

Major Religious & Cultural Holidays

<u>Town DEI Multicultural Calendar link.</u> (Full URL is listed at the bottom of this page.)

Rosh Hashanah *	Oct 3 - 4
Yom Kippur *	Oct 12
Diwali	Nov 1
Christmas	Dec 25
Hanukkah *	Dec 26 - Jan 2
Kwanzaa	Dec 26 - Jan 1
Orthodox Christmas	Jan 7
Lunar New Year	Jan 29
Ramadan *	Mar 1 - Mar 30
Eid al-Fitr *	Mar 31
Passover *	Apr 13
Good Friday	Apr 18
Easter	Apr 20
Orthodox Easter	Apr 20

^{*} These holidays begin at sundown on the evening prior to the date listed.