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2019-20 Key Dates for School Calendars

Here are some special days you may want to note on your 2019-20 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, 15948 Derwood Road, Rockville, MD 20855. Order online at nspra.org/products or call (301) 519-0496. The price is \$40 per copy plus shipping and handling.

2019

Date Observance/Holiday

Sept. 1-30	Library Card Sign-Up Month
Sept. 2	Labor Day
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 8	Grandparents' Day
Sept. 8-14	National Arts in Education Week
Sept. 11	Patriot 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. 21	International Day of Peace
Sept. 23	First Day of Autumn
Sept. 28	National Good Neighbor Day
Sept. 29- Oct. 1	Rosh Hashanah*
Oct. 1	Child Health Day
Oct. 1-31	Crime Prevention Month
Oct. 1-31	Czech Heritage Month
Oct. 1-31	Italian American Heritage and Culture Month
Oct. 1-31	National Bullying Prevention Month
Oct. 1-31	National Principals Month
Oct. 1-31	Polish American Heritage Month

Date Observance/Holiday

Oct. 1-31	Trick or Treat for UNICEF Month
Oct. 2	International Walk to School Day
Oct. 6	German American Day
Oct. 6-12	National Metric Week
Oct. 6-12	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 6-12	National Educational Office Professionals Week
Oct. 8-9*	Yom Kippur
Oct. 14	Canadian Thanksgiving
Oct. 14	Columbus Day
Oct. 14-18	National School Lunch Week
Oct. 16	World Food Day
Oct. 20-26	National Character Counts Week
Oct. 21-25	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)
Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Oct. 26	Make a Difference Day
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1-30	Native American Heritage Month
Nov. 3	Standard Time
Nov. 5	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day

*Begins at sunset on the preceding day

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Nov. 18-22	American Education Week
Nov. 19	Gettysburg Address Anniversary
Nov. 20	Education Support Professionals Day
Nov. 21	National Parental Involvement Day
Nov. 22	Substitute Educators Day
Nov. 24-30	National Family Week
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day
Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day
Dec. 15	Bill of Rights Day
Dec. 21	First Day of Winter
Dec. 22-30	Hanukkah*
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26- Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

2020

Date Observance/Holiday	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
Jan. 1-31	School Board Recognition Month
Jan. 19	World Religion Day
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 25	Chinese New Year
Feb. 1	National Freedom Day
Feb. 1-29	African American History Month
Feb. 1-29	National Children's Dental Health Month
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
Feb. 3-7	National School Counseling Week
Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 17	National PTA Founders Day
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day
Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday

Date Observance/Holiday	
Feb. 22-29	National FFA Week
Feb. 25	Mardi Gras
Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 26- April 11	Lent
March 1-31	American Red Cross Month
March 1-31	Irish American Heritage Month
March 1-31	Music in Our Schools Month
March 1-31	National Middle Level Education Month
March 1-31	National Nutrition Month®
March 1-31	Social Work Month
March 1-31	Women's History Month
March 1-31	Youth Art Month
March 2	NEA's Read Across America (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)
March 2-6	Classified School Employees Week

***Dates differ in some states. Usually scheduled for first or second week in March**

March 2-6	National School Breakfast Week
March 2-8	National Foreign Language Week
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8	Daylight Saving Time
March 11	Johnny Appleseed Day
March 15-21	National Poison Prevention Week
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®
March 19	First Day of Spring
March 20	Bahá'í New Year's Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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Date Observance/Holiday

April 1 April Fools' Day
April 1-30 National Poetry Month
April 1-30 National Autism Awareness Month
April 1-30 School Library Month
April 2 International Children's Book Day
April 7 World Health Day
April 8-9 Passover* (First Days)
April 10 Good Friday
April 12 Easter
April 15-16 Passover (Concluding Days)
April 19-25 National Library Week
April 19-25 National Volunteer Week
April 19-25 National Coin Week
April 19-25 National Student Leadership Week
April 19-25 Administrative Professionals Week
April 20 Patriot's Day
April 20-21 Holocaust Remembrance Day*
April 20-24 Public School Volunteer Week
April 22 Administrative Professionals Day
April 22 Earth Day
April 23 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day™
April 24 First Day of Ramadan
April 24 National Arbor Day
May 1 Law Day
May 1 School Lunch Hero Day
May 1-7 National Physical Education and Sports Week
May 1-31 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
May 1-31 Better Hearing and Speech Month
May 1-31 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
May 1-31 Preservation Month
May 1-31 Food Allergy Action Month

Date Observance/Holiday

May 3 World Press Freedom Day
May 3-9 Be Kind to Animals Week
May 3-10 National Music Week
May 4 Horace Mann's Birthday
May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 5 National Teacher Day
May 6 National Bike to School Day
May 6 National School Nurse Day
May 8 World Red Cross Day
May 10 Mother's Day
May 16 Armed Forces Day
May 18 Victoria Day (Canada)
May 25 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 14 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 21 Father's Day

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Please note: Some groups/states celebrate appreciation days or weeks on different dates, particularly those for classified school employees and teachers.