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## 2021-22 Key Dates for School Calendars

Here are some special days you may want to note on your 2021-22 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.

### 2021

#### Date Observance/Holiday

Sept. 1-30 Library Card Sign-Up Month

Sept. 6 Labor Day

Sept. 6-8 Rosh Hashanah\*

Sept. 8 International Literacy Day

Sept. 11 Patriot Day

Sept. 12 Grandparents' Day

Sept. 12-18 National Arts in Education Week

Sept. 15- Oct. 15 Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15-16 Mexican Independence Days

Sept. 15-16\* Yom Kippur

Sept. 16 Mayflower Day

Sept. 17 Citizenship/Constitution Day

Sept. 17-23 Constitution Week

Sept. 21 International Day of Peace

Sept. 22 First Day of Autumn

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

Sept. 15-16\* Yom Kippur

#### Date Observance/Holiday

Oct. 1-31 Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Month

Oct. 3-9 Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 4 Child Health Day

Oct. 6 German American Day

Oct. 6 International Walk to School Day

Oct. 6-12 National Educational Office Professionals Week

Oct. 10-16 National Metric Week

Oct. 11 Canadian Thanksgiving

Oct. 11 Columbus Day

Oct. 11-15 National School Lunch Week

Oct. 16 World Food Day

Oct. 17-23 National Character Counts Week

Oct. 18-22 National School Bus Safety Week

Oct. 23 Make a Difference Day

Oct. 23-31 Red Ribbon Week (Drug-Free America)

Oct. 24 United Nations Day

Oct. 31 Halloween

Nov. 1-30 Native American Heritage Month

Nov. 2 Election Day

Nov. 4 Diwali

Nov. 7 Standard Time

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

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<b>Date Observance/Holiday</b>	
Nov. 15-19	American Education Week
Nov. 17	Education Support Professionals Day
Nov. 18	National Parental Involvement Day
Nov. 19	Gettysburg Address Anniversary
Nov. 19	Substitute Educators Day
Nov. 21-27	National Family Week
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 1	World AIDS Day
Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 10	Human Rights Day
Nov. 28- Dec. 6	Hanukkah*
Dec. 15	Bill of Rights Day
Dec. 21	First Day of Winter
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26- Jan. 1	Kwanzaa

**2022**

<b>Date Observance/Holiday</b>	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
Jan. 1-31	School Board Recognition Month
Jan. 16	World Religion Day
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 1	National Freedom Day
Feb. 1-28	African American History Month
Feb. 1-28	National Children's Dental Health Month
Feb. 1-28	Career and Technical Education Month
Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
Feb. 7-11	National School Counseling Week
Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 12	Chinese New Year
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day

<b>Date Observance/Holiday</b>	
Feb. 17	National PTA Founders Day
Feb. 19-26	National FFA Week
Feb. 21	Presidents' Day
Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday
March 1	Mardi Gras
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	Ash Wednesday
March 2	NEA's Read Across America (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)
March 2- April 16	Lent
March 6-12	National Foreign Language Week
March 7-11	National School Breakfast Week
March 8	International Women's Day
March 11	Johnny Appleseed Day
March 13	Daylight Saving Time
March 14-18	Classified School Employees Week
<b>*Dates differ by state. Usually scheduled for a full week in March.</b>	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 17	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day®
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 21	Bahá'í New Year's Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 20-26	National Poison Prevention Week

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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 National Occupational Therapy Month  
April 1-30 School Library Month  
April 2 International Children's Book Day  
April 3 First Day of Ramadan  
April 3-9 National Library Week  
April 7 World Health Day  
April 15 Good Friday  
April 15-16 Passover\* (First Days)  
April 17 Easter  
April 17-23 National Volunteer Week  
April 17-23 National Coin Week  
April 17-23 National Student Leadership Week  
April 18 Patriot's Day  
April 18-22 Public School Volunteer Week  
April 22 Earth Day  
April 22-23 Passover (Concluding Days)  
April 24-30 Administrative Professionals Week and Day  
April 27-28 Holocaust Remembrance Day\*  
April 28 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day™  
April 29 National Arbor Day  
May 1 Law Day  
May 1 School Lunch Hero Day  
May 1-7 Be Kind to Animals Week  
May 1-7 National Physical Education and Sports Week  
May 1-8 National Music 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

**Date Observance/Holiday**

May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 3 National Teacher Day  
May 3 World Press Freedom Day  
May 4 Horace Mann's Birthday  
May 4 National Bike to School Day  
May 5 Cinco de Mayo  
May 6 School Lunch Hero Day  
May 8 World Red Cross Day  
May 8 Mother's Day  
May 8-14 Food Allergy Action Week  
May 11 National School Nurse Day  
May 21 Armed Forces Day  
May 23 Victoria Day (Canada)  
May 30 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 1-30 LGBTQ+ Pride Week  
June 5 World Environment Day  
June 12 Race Unity Day  
June 14 Flag Day  
June 16 International Day of the African Child  
June 19 Juneteenth  
June 19 Father's Day  
June 21 First Day of Summer

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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.