



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TITLE: Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, School Year 2021-22

NUMBER: MEM-5466.11

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Memorandum is to assist in the planning of school and work events. The increasingly pluralistic population of the United States creates diverse working and learning communities. This Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances is offered as a tool to enhance understanding, respect, and awareness among the many religious, ethnic, and cultural identities in our school communities, as a resource for schools to incorporate these dates into their instructional activities, and as a reference in scheduling school activities.

BACKGROUND: The Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances draws from multiple sources, including the California Department of Education, Los Angeles Unified Board Rule 1102, Board of Education resolutions, and cultural, religious, and community calendars. This calendar is based on information available at the time of production. Ultimately, some events may differ from what was available at the time of authorship. Inclusion does not imply official endorsement by LA Unified. Omissions are not intended to be exclusionary in nature.

Lessons around this content are to be age appropriate, culturally responsive, and taught in a historical and social studies context, as set forth in the [California History/Social Science Framework](#). Schools are expected to teach about religion in a neutral, prudent, and objective manner. The 1963 Supreme Court clarified public schools' role in the objective teaching about religion, "... it might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion or the history of religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization," *School District of Abington Township, Pennsylvania v. Schempp* (No. 142) (1963) 374 U.S. 203, 225. Students cannot be compelled to participate in non-curricular activities, such as Halloween parades or other celebratory events. However, there is no expectation that students will be shielded from exposure to ideas that conflict with their religious beliefs. (Refer to BUL 5479, Guidelines for Teaching About Religions.)

The Los Angeles Unified School District's Board of Education interprets the California Education Code Section 48205 to include the observance of a secular historical remembrance or cultural holidays or ceremony as "justifiable personal reasons" for absence from school. This allows students to receive excused absences for observances such as Armenian Genocide Remembrance or Yom HaShoah

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(Holocaust Remembrance Day). The Board Rule 1102 also clarifies that such excused absences would maintain a student's eligibility for District-wide awards based on attendance. (Refer to [REF-5464](#) Initial Notification of Truancy (1st NOT) Report Central Automation and School Generated (2nd and 3rd NOT) Procedures.)

**MAJOR
CHANGES:**

This memorandum replaces MEM-5466.10 Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances, **School Year 2020 – 2021**.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Schools may commemorate the events noted by California Education Code and LAUSD Board Rule 1102. Schools may recognize the holidays and dates with age-appropriate, culturally relevant and responsive lessons, activities, projects, and assemblies that connect to the core curriculum. When the dates fall on non-school days or conflict with school activities (such as testing), observances may be held on an alternate day.

**RELATED
RESOURCES:**

- [Board Rule 1102](#), Observance of Certain Events
- [California Department of Education](#) Calendar of Events
- [California Education Codes §§37220-37223](#), Saturdays and Holidays
- [California Education Code §51511](#), References to Religion and use of Religious Literature
- [California Government Code §6700](#), State Legal Holidays
- [California History Social Science Framework](#)
- [BUL-5298.2](#) Guidelines for Halloween Activities, dated September 26, 2017, issued by Office of the Division of District Operations
- [BUL-5479.2](#) Guidelines for Teaching About Religions, dated April 11, 2016, issued by School Operations and Office of Educational Services
- [BUL-6204.2](#) Holiday Displays and Programs, dated November 21, 2017, issued by the Division of District Operations
- [BUL-6285.0](#) Guidelines for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Inclusive Education, dated May 12, 2014, issued by the Office of the Superintendent-School Operations
- [MEM-075300](#) Admission Day/Labor Day Holiday
- [MEM-5415](#) Take Our Children to Work Day
- [MEM-5818](#) Nondiscrimination Required Notices and Ordering of Student Brochures
- [MEM-6544](#) Observance of Constitution Day
- [REF-3973](#) College Awareness Experiences for High School Students During the Annual LAUSD College Month in October
- [REF-5803.5](#) Emergency Procedures, Drills, and District-Wide Emergency Exercises
- [REF-5464.6](#) Initial Notification of Truancy (1st NOT) Report Central Automation and School Generated (2nd and 3rd NOT) Procedures

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A- Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances



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ASSISTANCE: Instructional resources and support may be obtained from several LAUSD units
[Access Equity and Acceleration](#),
[Division of Instruction](#), 213-241-6444; instruction@lausd.net
[Educational Equity Compliance Office](#), 213-241- 7682;
EquityCompliance@lausd.net
[Human Relations, Diversity and Equity](#), 213-241-8719; humanrelations@lausd.net
[Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department](#), 213-242-5582

For further assistance, information, or errors of omission or commission, please contact Student Health and Human Services - Human Relations, Diversity and Equity at (213) 241-8719, Judy.Chiasson@lausd.net.

CALENDAR OF COMMEMORATIVE DATES AND OBSERVANCES ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

This calendar is provided to assist in the planning of school and work calendars. There are twelve federal holidays:

Set by date:

- **New Year's Day**, January 1
- **Inauguration Day**, January 20* (occurs every 4 years)
- **Juneteenth**, June 19
- **Independence Day**, July 4
- **Veterans Day**, November 11
- **Christmas Day**, December 25

Typically celebrated on Mondays:

- **Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**, third Monday in January
- **President's Day**, third Monday in February
- **Memorial Day**, last Monday in May
- **Labor Day**, first Monday in September
- **Indigenous People's Day**, second Monday in October

Fourth Thursday of November:

- **Thanksgiving**, November 25th

Anniversaries of historical events, special commemorative occasions, and ethnic, cultural, and religious celebrations are offered to assist schools that wish to incorporate these dates into their instructional activities. Religious events and observances are coded to indicate the faith(s) with which they are commonly associated.

B= Buddhism
Ba= Baha'i
H= Hinduism
I= Islam

J= Judaism
Ja= Jainism
O= Orthodox Christian
P= Protestant

RC= Roman Catholic
S= Sikhism
Sh= Shinto
T= Taoism

Many dates have both secular and religious significance. Christmas, for example, is widely celebrated as a secular holiday unrelated to its religious significance. The observation of some events may vary in accordance with the calendar being used, regional customs, group preferences, and lunar/solar cycles.

This document uses symbols to indicate events whose observation has calendaring variations:

- + Observation begins at sunset
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+ Some religious holidays are solar-based and begin at sundown of the preceding day and end at sunset of the day listed. These events are identified with a plus symbol (+).

* The occurrence of floating events is adjusted to fall on a standard workday or week, on a designated day rather than a designated date, or to adhere to a calendar other than a Gregorian calendar. For example, *No Name Calling Week* is always observed school days, *Thanksgiving* is always observed the fourth Thursday in November, and Jewish holy days follow the Jewish calendar. These events are indicated with an asterisk (*).

^ Other observances have local or regional variations. These events are marked with a caret (^).

When the commemoration of non-Federally recognized events conflicts with scheduled school activities, such as during the testing period, schools may opt to honor the event on an alternate date.

Information for this *Calendar of Commemorative Dates and Observances* is gathered from various sources and is not intended as definitive or official notification. Dates are based on the information available at the time of authorship. Sources of information include, but are not limited to: [California Department of Education](#), Los Angeles Unified School Board Rule 1102, National Conference for Community and Justice, [Interfaith Calendar](#), Educational Research Service, Resources for Planning the School Calendar, the Anti-Defamation League, the United Nations, www.timeanddate.com, and www.chabad.org. For additional resources, visit the LAUSD's Human Relations, Diversity and Equity at <http://achieve.lausd.net/human-relations>.

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July 2021		
<p>Parks and Recreation Month recognizes the National Recreation and Park Association’s efforts to advance parks, recreation and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people. www.nrpa.org</p> <p>Muslim American Heritage Month was instituted by the city of Los Angeles to promote and encourage awareness of the significant contributions made by the city's Muslim population in culture, social services, education, politics, business, technology, and the arts.</p> <p>Black, Indigenous, People of Color Mental Health Month bring awareness to unique struggles that underrepresented groups face regarding mental illness. https://www.mhanational.org/bipoc-mental-health</p>		
July 2	Juneteenth , aka Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, <i>observed</i>	Commemoration of the day that enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas learned of their emancipation. Recognized by President Biden as a federal holiday in 2021.
July 4	Independence Day Government Code Sec. 6701, Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	The federal holiday celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
July 9**	Martyrdom of the Báb (Ba)	The day is in observance of the martyrdom of the Báb, the forerunner of the Prophet and the founder of the Bahá’í Faith. One of the nine Holy days during which Bahá’ís do not work.
July 11	World Population Day	World Population Day was established by the United Nations to raise awareness of global population issues. https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-population-day
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day	Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity – as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker, and the first democratically elected president of South Africa. https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/
July 20**	Eid al-Adha (I)	Eid al-Adha is a time to seek mercy from God. It is also known as the Feast of Sacrifice, marking the end of the Pilgrimage to Mecca.
July 24*^	Asalha Puja Day – Dharma Day (B)	The anniversary of the start of Buddha’s teaching after his enlightenment. <i>Observed on the first full moon in July.</i>
July 26	Americans with Disabilities Day	The American with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990 to guarantee equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

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August 2021		
<p>Children's Eye Health and Safety Month inspires parents to make their child's vision health a priority.</p> <p>National Immunization Awareness Month is an annual observance to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html</p> <p>National Truancy Prevention Month recognizes that chronic truancy causes serious harm to young people in America.</p>		
August 5*^	National Night Out	An annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. <i>Traditionally observed on the first Tuesday in August.</i> www.natw.org
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	The celebration of the richness of indigenous cultures and the recognition of the challenges to indigenous peoples today. https://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/
August 12*^	International Youth Day	Celebrate the role of young women and men as essential partners in change and raise awareness of the challenges and hardships facing the world's youth. https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day
August 13-15	Obon (B)	Three-day festival during which Japanese and Japanese/American honor their ancestors.
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (RC)	The largely Catholic belief that at the end of her life, Mary, the mother of Christ, was taken body and soul into heaven to live with her son.
August 18-19+*	Ashura (I)	A day of fasting that Observed the tenth day of Muharram to celebrate Moses' exodus from Egypt.
August 19	World Humanitarian Day	Give tribute to humanitarian workers who have risked and lost their lives in humanitarian service.
August 22*	Raksha Bandhan (H)	The Hindu festival that celebrates the protective relationship between brothers and their sisters. On this day, sisters tie sacred threads on their brother's wrists and brothers vow to protect their sisters against all odds.
August 22*	Ullambana, The Ghost Festival (B)(T)	The unsettled spirits of the dead ancestors are calmed with chanting and offerings to enable them to pass peacefully into the next world.
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	The memorialization of the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade coincides with the 1791 anniversary of the uprising in Santo Domingo that initiated its abolition. https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/slavetraderemembrance/day

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August 26	Women's Equality Day	The commemoration of the 1920 passage of the 19 th Amendment which gave women full voting rights. The 2021 theme is <i>Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced</i> . https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/
August 30*^	Krishna Janmashtami (H)	One of the most important Hindu festivals, Krishna Jayanti is the birthday of Lord Krishna, the eighth reincarnation of Lord Vishnu who gave the vital message of the Bhagwat Gita - the guiding principles for every Hindu.

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September 2021		
<p>Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is a time to honor and remember children and families affected by these devastating diseases and rally support to give kids with cancer better outcomes. http://childrenscancer.org</p> <p>Latinx Heritage Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Latinx Americans and the many contributions they have and continue to make to American culture. The month-long celebration from September 15 - October 15 was designated by presidential proclamation (36 United States Code 126).</p> <p>Library Card Sign Up Month serves as a reminder to ensure all children have library cards. Information and materials available from the American Library Association. http://www.ala.org/</p> <p>National Preparedness Month reminds us that we all must be prepared for emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and visit. https://www.ready.gov/september</p> <p>National School Success Month is a time to encourage students and teachers to continue to reach for the stars</p> <p>Suicide Prevention Month is a time for mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members to unite and promote suicide prevention awareness. https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org</p>		
September 3* Schools closed	California Admission Day, <i>Observed, Board Rule 1102</i>	California was admitted as the 31 st state on September 9, 1850.
September 4-11*	Paryushana Parva (Ja)	The most important Jain festival consists of eight (Swetambra) or ten (Digambara) days of intensive fasting, repentance, and reflection.
September 5-11*	National Suicide Prevention Week	Suicide is never the answer. National Suicide Prevention Week surrounds World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th and increases suicide prevention awareness. www.suicidology.org
September 6* Schools closed	Labor Day Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	The federal holiday was first celebrated in 1882 to recognize U.S. workers. <i>Observed the first Monday in September.</i>
September 6-8*	Rosh Hashanah (J)	Jewish New Year that is a time of inner renewal and divine atonement.
September 8	International Literacy Day	There are close to four billion literate people in the world. However, literacy for all is still an unaccomplished goal and an ever-moving target.
September 9	California Admission Day Board Rule 1102	California was admitted as the 31 st state on September 9, 1850. <i>Observed on September 3</i>
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Suicide is never the answer. Increase suicide prevention awareness. www.suicidology.org
September 11	Patriot Day 36 United States Code 144	An annual observance for those who were injured or died during the September 11 th terrorist attacks. Flags are flown at half-mast. www.911memorial.org

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September 12*	National Grandparents Day	Affirm grandparents on this day of giving of self; sharing hopes, dreams, and values; setting an example, and advocating for future generations. <i>Observed the first Sunday after Labor Day.</i> https://grandparentsday.org
September 15-16+*	Yom Kippur (J)	The Day of Atonement marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.
September 16	Mexican Independence Day Celebration of Mexican History and Culture Board Rule 1102	September 16 marks the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain in 1810.
September 16	National Stepfamily Day	Celebrate blended families.
September 17-23*	Constitution and Citizenship Week Ed Code 37221	The Constitutional Convention ended its work of framing the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. www.constitutionday.com
September 18	National Clean Up Day	Take some time to clean up your local or national park. https://www.nationalcleanupday.org
September 19	Talk Like a Pirate Day	It is a fun day to talk and dress like pirates. Talk Like a Pirate Day is celebrated in more than 40 countries.
September 20-27+*	Sukkot (J)	The weeklong Feast of Booths commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.
September 23	Bi Visibility Day	Recognize and celebrate bisexual history, bisexual community and culture.
September 23*	See You at the Flagpole	National event of students praying together, usually before school at the school's flagpole. <i>Observed on the fourth Wednesday in September.</i> www.syatp.com
September 24*	Native American Day Ed Code 37220.7	Recognize the role and contributions of American Indians to American culture and society. <i>Observed on the fourth Friday in September.</i>
September 26*	Gold Star Mother's Day	Recognize and honor those who have lost a child while serving in the Armed Forces. <i>Observed on the last Sunday of September.</i>
September 27-29+*	Shemini Atzeret (J)	The Eighth Day of Assembly occurs immediately following Sukkoth.

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Blindness Awareness Month was established to help people understand the realities of living without sight. www.blindness.org

Bully Prevention Month Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy. www.stopbullying.gov

California School Bus Safety Awareness Month encourages parents, students, teachers, motorists, and school bus drivers to promote the importance of school bus safety.

College Awareness Month promotes college-going culture, including early awareness through GEAR UP 4 LA and other programs.

Crime Prevention Month was established in 1984 to spread the word about crime prevention and personal safety. <https://www.nnw.org/october>

Daniel Pearl World Music Days is an international network of concerts that use the power of music to reaffirm our commitment to tolerance and humanity. <https://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org/>

Disability Awareness Employment Month increases awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities. Board Rule 1102

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month celebrate individuals with Down syndrome and educate the community of the truths about those living with Down syndrome and all of their abilities and accomplishments.

Dyslexia Awareness Month brings awareness of those who struggle with dyslexia and other related reading differences so that they may have richer, more robust lives and access to the tools and resources they need.

Filipino American History Month celebrates and honors Filipino Americans and their contributions in the U.S. and globally. www.fanhs-national.org

Girls Empowerment Month introduces girls in public schools across Los Angeles County to different career opportunities, especially those in schools focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). <http://girlsbuildla.weebly.com/girls-empowerment-month.html>

Latino Heritage Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Latinx Americans and the many contributions they have and continue to make to American culture. The celebration from September 15 - October 15 was designated by presidential proclamation. Board Rule 1102

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) History Month marks and celebrates the achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. www.glsen.org

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month increases awareness of the disease and raises funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure. The campaign also offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer. www.nationalbreastcancer.org

National Cyber Security Awareness Month raises awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and reminds us to do our part to make sure that our online lives are kept safe and secure. <https://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month connects advocates across the nation who are working to end violence against women and their children. <https://ncadv.org/take-action>

National Energy Awareness Month encourages government and organizations to raise awareness of the importance of sustainably managing the nation's energy resources. <https://www2.ed.gov/free/features/national-energy-awareness.html>

National Substance Abuse Prevention Month focuses on the role substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. <https://youth.gov/feature-article/national-substance-abuse-prevention-month>

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October 2	International Day of Non-Violence	The United Nations established the International Day of Non-Violence on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.
October 3-9*	National Fire Prevention Week	Practice your escape! The Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871 killed 250+ people, left 100,000+ homeless, destroyed 17,400+ structures, and burned 2000+ acres. https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week
October 4*	National Child Health Day 36 U.S. Code Section 105	Every child deserves to be as healthy as they can be. <i>Observed the first Monday in October.</i>
October 4-8*	Solidarity Week	Build collective support for LGBTQ+ students and educators and learn about and practice solidarity with different identities. www.glsen.org/solidarity-week
October 5	World Teachers' Day	Established in 1966 by UNESCO regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers. https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday
October 10	World Mental Health Day	The World Health Organization raises awareness and aids advocacy campaigns about mental health concerns. www.who.int
October 10-11+*	Simchat Torah (J)	Simchat Torah celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle.
October 10-16*	Week of the School Administrator Ed. Code 44015.1	Acknowledges educational leadership at the school, school district, and county levels. <i>Observed the second full week in the month of October.</i>
October 11	National Coming Out Day	An international event established in 1987 to promote the vision of a world where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals could live truthfully and openly. www.hrc.org
October 11*	Indigenous People's Day Board Rule 1102	Celebrate and honor Native American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. <i>Observed the second Monday in October.</i>
October 11*	Discoverers' Day Board Rule 1102	A federal holiday that honors all explorers and commemorates Christopher Columbus' sighting of the Americas on October 12, 1492. <i>Observed the second Monday in October.</i>
October 11-15*	American Indian Awareness Week Board Rule 1102	Recognized by President Ford in 1976, making it the first national recognition for American Indians. <i>Occurs the second week in October.</i> https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/american-indian.php

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October 15	National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day	Latinx made up more than one quarter of new HIV cases. NLAAD aims to get more Latinx people to join the fight to end the epidemic. https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/nlaad.htm
October 15	White Cane Safety Day 36 United States Code 142	Celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence - the white cane.
October 15*	Dasara/Vijayadashami (H)	The day signifies victory and valor. Lord Rama slew the evil Ravana and emerged victorious on this day.
October 16	World Food Day	Promotes worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all.
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Eradicate of poverty and destitution worldwide. https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty
October 18-19**	Mawlid al-Nabi (I)	The celebration of the birthday of Muhammad, the founder of Islam.
October 18-22*	National Safe Schools Week	Activities draw attention to the problem of school violence and educate everyone about making schools safer and more secure. <i>Occurs the third full week in October.</i> www.schoolsafety.us/safe-schools-week
October 18-22*	National School Bus Safety Week	National School Bus Safety Week addresses the importance of school bus safety. <i>The 2021 theme is, "Be Safe – Know the Danger Zone."</i> <i>Occurs during the third full week of October.</i> www.napt.org/nsbsw
October 19-23*	Digital Citizenship Week	Reflect on the role of technology in our lives, share positive experiences, build positive online habits, and learn about digital safety and responsibility. <i>Observed the third week of October.</i> https://www.common sense.org/education/digital-citizenship-week
October 20	Installation of the Guru Granth Sahib as Eternal Guru (S)	The Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Scripture, is a compilation of the divine revelations to the Sikh Gurus and saints of other faiths reaffirming the fundamental unity of all religions.
October 20*	Unity Day	Wear orange as a message for hope and support and against bullying. <i>Occurs the third Wednesday in October.</i> www.pacer.org
October 21*	Spirit Day	Wear purple as a visible statement against LGBTQ bullying. <i>Observed the third Thursday in October.</i> www.glaad.org/spiritday

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October 21*	International Pronouns Day	Make asking, sharing, and respecting personal pronouns commonplace. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. <i>Observed the third Wednesday of October.</i>
October 21*	The Great California Shake Out	The Great California Shakeout drill is held at 10:21 a.m. to help Californians prepare for a major earthquake. <i>Observed the third Thursday in October.</i> www.shakeout.org
October 23*	Make a Difference Day	The day dedicated to the helping of others and of neighbors helping neighbors. <i>Observed the fourth Saturday in October.</i> www.makeadifferenceday.com
October 23-31*	Red Ribbon Week	Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention campaign. <i>The 2021 theme is "Drug Free Looks Like Me"</i> www.redribbon.org
October 24	United Nations Day	The commemoration of the founding of the United Nations in 1945.
October 26	Intersex Awareness Day	Celebrate the intersex community which has roots in radical action against institutional forces that impose a narrow binary of male or female. https://www.glaad.org/tags/intersex-awareness-day
October 31	Halloween	The eve of All Saints' Day, traditionally an occasion for masquerading and pumpkin carving.
October 31	Reformation Day (P)	This day commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
October 31- November 1+	Samhain Beltane	Samhain is a Gaelic harvest festival linked to festivals held around the same time in other Celtic cultures and is now popularized as the Celtic New Year.

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November 2021		
<p>Epilepsy Awareness Month raises public awareness of seizures. https://www.efepa.org</p> <p>Gang Awareness and Prevention Month encourages cities and constitutions to take steps to prevent future gang activity and honor those who lost their lives due to gang activity. AB 134 of 2018</p> <p>Good Nutrition Month. Takes simple steps to eat healthier and smarter.</p> <p>National Family Caregivers Month. Remember those who give comfort to the millions of elderly and ill who are friends and family members.</p> <p>National Child Safety and Protection Month is dedicated to recognizing the unique potential dangers many children face in their everyday lives and taking tangible steps of prevention against those challenges.</p> <p>National Family Literacy Month addresses education and literacy needs by engaging family members in learning--from the classroom to the community to the digital frontier. http://familieslearning.org</p> <p>National Homeless Youth Awareness Month provides an opportunity to bring attention to the experiences of over 13,700 homeless students attending LAUSD schools. https://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-homeless-youth-awareness-month</p> <p>National Native American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month remembers the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives and honors the heritage of our continent's first inhabitants. http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov</p> <p>Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month promotes awareness and appreciation of the Sikh community in cities throughout California.</p>		
November 1	All Saints' Day (RC) (P)	The Roman Catholic and Anglican holiday celebrating all saints, known and unknown.
November 1– 2	Dia de los Muertos (RC)	An indigenous celebration observed in the Americas to welcome the spirits of loved ones to come celebrate the continuity of life.
November 2	All Souls' Day (RC) (P)	Commemoration of all faithful Christians who have died.
November 2*	Election Day	The day that elections are held in many states and cities. <i>Usually observed the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.</i>
November 3	Bunka No Hi	This public Japanese holiday was established to promote appreciation of peace and culture.
November 4**^	Diwali (H)(Ja)(S)	The most popular of the Hindu festivals, Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.
November 6-7**	Birth of the Báb and the Bahá'u'lláh (Ba)	Commemoration of the births of two central figures of the Bahá'í Faith, also known as the Twin Holy Birthdays. Two of the nine Holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.

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November 7*	Standard Time begins Daylight Saving Time ends	The beginning of all U.S. time zones. At 2 a.m., clocks move back one hour.
November 7*	Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries	The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges us to stay safe by changing the batteries in our smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms when we change our clocks. www.cpsc.gov
November 11* Schools closed	Veterans Day Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	Also known as Remembrance Day and Armistice Day, Veteran’s Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I and celebrates all U.S. military veterans. <i>Observed November 11 unless the date falls on a weekend.</i>
November 14-20*	American Education Week	Celebrates public education and honor individuals who ensure that every child receives a quality education http://www.nea.org
November 16	International Day for Tolerance	The day that warns of the dangers of intolerance and encourages respect, dialogue and cooperation among diverse cultures and people.
November 17*	Education Support Professionals Day	Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy and ready to learn. <i>Observed Wednesday of American Education Week.</i>
November 18*	Great American Smoke Out	The American Cancer Society encourages smokers to take a crucial step toward a healthier life by quitting smoking – even for one day. <i>Observed the third Thursday of November.</i> www.cancer.org
November 18*	National Parental Involvement Day	The day dedicated to the recognition of parental involvement. <i>Observed the third Thursday in November.</i> www.projectappleseed.org
November 18*	Substitute Educators Day	Substitute educators play a vital role in the maintenance and continuity of daily education. <i>Observed Friday of American Education Week.</i> http://www.nea.org
November 19*	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (S)	This is the celebration of the first Sikh Guru.
November 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance	The day that honors the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. https://www.glaad.org/tdor
November 21-28*	National Family Week	The day is dedicated to promoting family strength and integrity. <i>Observed the week of Thanksgiving.</i>
November 24-25+*	Day of the Covenant (Ba)	The festival that commemorates Bahá’u’lláh’s appointment of his eldest son, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, as the center of his covenant.

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November 25* Schools closed	Thanksgiving Day Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	This federal holiday was the first such national proclamation, issued by President Lincoln in 1863. <i>Observed the fourth Thursday in November.</i>
November 27-28+*	Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá (Ba)	The commemoration of the passing of the son of Bahá’u’lláh, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá.
November 28-December 6+*	Hanukah Festival of Lights (J)	Celebrates the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem.
November 28*	First Sunday of Advent (RC)(P)	The time of preparation for observing the birth of Jesus Christ. The four Sundays before Christmas are marked by special church services.
November 30*	Giving Tuesday	Giving Tuesday is a global day of charitable giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. <i>Occurs the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.</i>

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December 2021		
<p>Universal Human Rights Month promotes action that advances respect for human rights at home and abroad. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/</p>		
December 1	World AIDS Day	The international day of action focused on HIV and AIDS. www.worldaidsday.org
December 2	Special Education Day	Special Education Day marks the anniversary of our first federal special education law, signed by President Ford in 1975. http://www.specialeducationday.com/
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Raise awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity. https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities
December 6-12*	Computer Science Education Week	Computer science plays a crucial role in transforming our society, enabling innovation and creating economic opportunities. The week is dedicated to inspiring students to take interest in computer science. www.csedweek.org
December 7	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Honors the 2,403 people who were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (RC)	The Roman Catholic holy day commemorates the Virgin Mary's freedom from original sin.
December 8*	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (S)	The day that honors Guru Teg Bahadur as the ninth of the ten Gurus who founded Sikhism. He is recognized as a man who died for religious freedom.
December 10	Human Rights Day	The anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.
December 12	Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (RC)	The celebration of the patron saint of Mexico.
December 15	Bill of Rights Day	The anniversary of the adoption of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.
December 16-24	Las Posadas (RC)	A period of nine days in which the journey of Mary and Joseph is replayed. A time of religious ceremonies and festivities.
December 21*	Winter Solstice	The shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. Marks the first day of the season of winter.
December 23	Festivus	Festivus is a zany offbeat holiday popularized by the television show Seinfeld for those seeking an alternative to the commercialism and pressures of the holiday season.

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December 25 Schools closed	Christmas (RC) (P) Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	A widely celebrated holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the birth of Christ with centuries old customs.
December 26 - January 1	Kwanzaa	Created in 1966, this African American seven-day spiritual festival is dedicated to the values of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.
December 29	Wounded Knee Day	The memorialization of the massacre of more than 200 Lakota Sioux by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee, South Dakota in 1890.
December 31	New Year's Eve	Countries across the world celebrate the last day of the year.

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January 2022		
<p>National Blood Donor Month is a time when blood organizations like the American Red Cross pay tribute to the nearly 11 million people who give blood each year and encourage others to start the new year by giving the gift of life. www.redcrossblood.org</p> <p>National Braille Literacy Month honors Louis Braille, who developed the Braille code over 200 years ago.</p> <p>National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on increasing the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for our young people. www.mentoring.org</p> <p>National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Human trafficking is a crime in which force, fraud or coercion is used to compel a person to perform labor, services or commercial sex. It affects all populations: adults, children, men, women, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and all economic classes.</p>		
January 1 Schools closed	New Year's Day Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	The federal holiday with origins in Roman times when sacrifices were offered to Janus, the two-faced Roman deity who looked back on the past and forward to the future.
January 1	Gantan-sai (Sh)	Gantan Sai is the Shinto New Year festival observed with prayers for inner renewal. The holiday lasts seven days during which observers visit shrines to pray for good health and prosperity.
January 6	Epiphany (RC) (P)	The visit of the three kings to baby Jesus is celebrated twelve days after Christmas. One of the three major Christian festivals.
January 7*	Nativity of Christ, Christmas (O)	A widely-celebrated centuries-old holiday with secular and religious connotations that marks the birth of Christ. The day celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox Church.
January 10*^	Bodhi Day - Enlightenment of Buddha (B)	The Buddhist celebration of the Enlightenment of founder Shakyamuni Buddha, ca 596 BCE.
January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day	National campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern-day slavery.
January 14*	Makar Sankrant (H)	Makar Sankrant is one of the most important Hindu festivals and celebrates the sun's journey into the northern hemisphere.
January 16	Religious Freedom Day	The ability for Americans to worship as they see fit is central to their identity and enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.
January 16*	World Religion Day (Ba)	The day that fosters the interfaith understanding and harmony by emphasizing the common characteristics found in all religions. <i>Observed the third Sunday in January.</i>
January 17* Schools closed	Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	What are you doing for others? Transform Dr. King's life and teachings into service that empowers and strengthens local communities. <i>Observed the third Monday in January.</i> https://americorps.gov

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January 17-21*	No Name Calling Week	Celebrate kindness while working to create safe schools free of name-calling, bullying and bias. For activities and lesson plans, visit www.glsen.org
January 23	National Handwriting Day	Re-explore the purity and power of handwriting with a pen or pencil.
January 23	Ed Roberts Day Ed Code 37222.17	Recognizes the life, accomplishments and contributions of Ed Roberts and other Californians with disabilities.
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Established by the United Nations to recognize the 6+ million Jews and other victims systematically murdered in Nazi Germany.
January 28	Data Privacy Day	Create awareness about the importance of privacy and protecting personal information. https://staysafeonline.org
January 30	Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution Ed Code 37222.15	Commemorates Fred Korematsu and other civil rights advocates for Japanese American redress. First U.S. holiday named after an Asian American. http://korematsuinstitute.org

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February 2022		
<p>American Heart Month raises awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it. https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month</p> <p>Body Positivity Month celebrates every body no matter the size or ability. Focuses on finding a healthy balance for one's mind and body.</p> <p>Black History Month was created in 1926 as a month-long celebration to reflect on the history, teachings and achievements of African Americans. Board Rule 1102. www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov</p> <p>Children's Dental Health Month raises awareness about the importance of oral health. www.ada.org</p>		
February 1*	Lunar New Year (B)	Lunar New Year is the longest and most important celebration in many Asian countries. Festivities traditionally start on the first day of the lunar month and continue for two weeks. <i>2022 is the Year of the Tiger.</i>
February 1	National Freedom Day	The day that commemorates the signing of the 13 th Amendment that abolished slavery in 1865.
February 1*	Safer Internet Day	Create a safer and a better internet, where everyone can use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. https://saferinternetday.us . <i>Observed the first Tuesday in February.</i>
February 2	Groundhog Day	Legend has it that if the groundhog sees its shadow on this day and returns to its burrow, winter will continue for six more weeks. www.groundhog.org
February 4	Rosa Parks Day	An American holiday in honor of the civil rights leader Rosa Parks.
February 6	Ronald Reagan Day	Schools and educational institutions are encouraged to remember the life of Ronald Reagan and recognize his accomplishments and contributions to this state.
February 7-11*	National School Counseling Week	School counselors can have a tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. https://www.schoolcounselor.org
February 11*	#NoOneEatsAloneDay	Teaches everyone how to make friends at lunch, often the most difficult part of the school day. Created and organized by students. https://www.beyonddifferences.org/no-one-eats-alone
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday	This day was first observed in 1866 when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address in tribute to the assassinated president. <i>Observed as the federal holiday Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February.</i>
February 13	Galentine's Day	Observed on the day before Valentine's Day, Galentine's Day celebrates platonic friendships, usually among women.

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February 13*	Race Relations Sunday	Created in 1922 by the National Council of Churches to recognize the importance of interracial relations. <i>Observed on the Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday of February 12.</i>
February 14	Valentine's Day	A day that many exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers as a sign of caring.
February 15^	Parinirvana - Nirvana Day (B)	The Mahayana Buddhist festival celebrates the day when the Buddha achieved Nirvana upon the death of his physical body.
February 15	Susan B. Anthony Day Ed Code 37221, Board Rule 1102	The anniversary of the birthday of Susan B. Anthony calls for instruction on the political and economic status of women.
February 15	Washington Day	The holiday that celebrates the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the U. S. <i>Observed as the federal holiday Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February.</i>
February 17	National Parent Teacher Association Founders Day	Celebrate the legacy and work of PTA's founder to better the lives of every child in education, health and safety.
February 19	Day of Remembrance	The anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that authorized the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. Programs seek to educate the public about the fragility of civil rights during wartime.
February 20	World Day of Social Justice	The United Nations established World Day of Social Justice to promote efforts to tackle poverty, exclusion and unemployment. https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day
February 21	International Mother Language Day	The United Nations believes languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion and are the foundation for learning. https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day
February 21*	Presidents' Day, observed Ed Code 37220, Board Rule 1101	Presidents' Day is the recognition of Washington's Day (February 22) and Lincoln's Day (February 12). <i>Observed third Monday in February.</i>
February 21-25*	Public Schools Week	This initiative showcases the strength and potential of public schools in a democratic society. https://www.nsba.org/Public-Schools-Week
February 25-March 1*	Ayyám-i-Há (Ja)	A period dedicated to socializing, being hospitable, giving generously to the poor and needy, and preparing for the upcoming month of fasting.

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February 28- March 19*	Nineteen Day Fast (Ja)	The nineteen-day sunrise-to-sunset fast is one of the greatest obligations of a Bahá'í. Its chief purpose is to reinvigorate the soul and bring the person closer to God.
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<p>American Red Cross Month. Uncover your inner hero. honor and celebrate the everyday heroes who help fulfill the mission of the American Red Cross. http://www.redcross.org/about-us/red-cross-month</p> <p>Arts Education Month based on the words of President Kennedy “To further the appreciation of culture among all people, to increase respect for the creative individual, to widen participation by all the processes and fulfillments of art – this is one of the most fascinating challenges of these days.”</p> <p>Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month promotes an understanding of the scope of the disease. https://mymsaa.org</p> <p>Music in Our Schools Month communicates the importance of music in the learning experience. Sponsored by The National Association for Music Education, https://nafme.org</p> <p>National Middle Level Education Month encourages middle schools to focus on the educational needs of early adolescents. Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. www.nassp.org</p> <p>National Nutrition Month. Make informed food choices and develop sound eating and physical activity habits. www.eatright.org</p> <p>National Save Your Vision Month promotes eye health, awareness around digital eyestrain and the importance of receiving regular, comprehensive eye exams from a Doctor of Optometry. https://www.aoa.org</p> <p>National Social Work Month is an opportunity for social workers across the country and their allies to turn the spotlight on the profession and highlight the important contributions they make to society. https://www.socialworkers.org</p> <p>National Women's History Month celebrates the rich and inspiring heritage of the contributions of women to the United States. For information and materials, visit National Women’s History Project at www.nwhp.org Board Rule 1102.</p> <p>We Are One: Standing with Immigrant Families Awareness Month was designated by the LA School Board to increase and improve resources for students, staff, and families, and develop supports for post-graduate college and career opportunities for undocumented students.</p>		
March 1 *^	Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday (RC)	The celebrations surrounding the Three Kings Day and culminating before Ash Wednesday. The traditions vary from city to city.
March 1 *^	Maha Shivaratri (H)	The Great Festival of Shiva is celebrated annually in reverence of the god Shiva. It is the day Shiva was married to the goddess Parvati.
March 2*	Ash Wednesday -Beginning of Lent (RC)(P)	Lent is a 40-day period of fasting and penitence observed by Christians.
March 2	Read Across America	Celebrate diverse readers with books that represent an array of experiences and cultures on Dr. Seuss’ birthday. www.readacrossamerica.org
March 3	National Anthem Day	Celebrate the national anthems of the world, from the obscure and forgotten to the ones that ring out every day.
March 4	National Grammar Day	Established by the Society for the Promotion of Good Grammar. www.nationalgrammarday.com

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March 4*	National Dress in Blue Day	Wear blue and encourages everyone to learn about colon cancer, one of the top cancers causing death. <i>First Friday in March.</i>
March 5	Black American Day Ed Code 37221, Board Rule 1102	The anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks, the first Black American martyr, in the Boston Massacre.
March 7*	Clean Monday (O)	The beginning of Great Lent for Eastern Christian churches which starts 40 days before Orthodox Easter (Pascha).
March 7-11*	National School Breakfast Week	Promote the benefits of a healthy school breakfast. <i>Observed the first full week of March.</i> https://schoolnutrition.org
March 7-11*	Newspapers in Education Week	Newspapers in Education is a joint effort to promote the use of the newspapers as an educational resource in the classroom. <i>Observed the first full week of March.</i>
March 8	International Women’s Day	Celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day
March 10	National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	Raise awareness about how women can protect themselves and their partners from HIV. www.womenshealth.gov
March 11	World Day of Muslim Culture, Peace, Dialogue and Film	The goal of this event is to use culture, art, and film to create bridges and dialogue of understanding.
March 12	California Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day Ed Code 37221, Board Rule 1102	A day to promote a spirit of protection and conservation toward birds, trees, and other natural resources. https://www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=ca
March 13*	Daylight Saving Time begins Standard Time ends	The beginning of all U.S. time zones. At 2 a.m., clocks move forward one hour.
March 13*	Change Your Clock Change Your Batteries	The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges us to stay safe by changing the batteries in our smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms when we change our clocks. www.cpsc.gov
March 14	Pi Day	Pi Day celebrates the mathematical symbol Pi (Greek letter “π”) which represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. www.piday.org
March 16-17+*	Purim (J)	Purim is one of the most joyous holidays of the Jewish calendar, commemorating the saving of the Jewish people from a conspiracy to destroy them.
March 17	St. Patrick’s Day	The patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, has been honored in America since the first days of the nation. A notable observance is the annual Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City and the wearing of green.

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March 20*	Vernal Equinox	The date when night and day are nearly the same length. It marks the first day of the season of spring.
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	The call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, worldwide, adopted in 1979 by the United Nations.
March 21	World Down Syndrome Awareness Day	March 21 st signifies the unique triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. https://www.worlddownsyndromeday2.org/
March 21*	Naw-Rúz (Ba)	The first day of the Bahá'í calendar year. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
March 21-25*	National Poison Prevention Week	Learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and take appropriate preventative measures. <i>Observed the third week of March.</i> http://www.aapcc.org
March 25 - 29*	National Tsunami Preparedness Week	Recommit to learn about and prepare for tsunamis on the anniversary week of the 1964 great Alaska tsunami and earthquake. <i>Occurs during the week of March 27.</i> https://nws.weather.gov/nthmp/
March 28* Schools closed	Cesar Chavez Day, Observed	This commemorative holiday celebrates the March 31 st birth and legacy of civil rights and movement activist Cesar Chavez.
March 29	Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Ed. Code 37222.14	Educational institutions are encouraged to recognize the contributions of all those involved in the Vietnam War.
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day	This commemorative holiday celebrates the birth and legacy of civil rights and movement activist Cesar Chavez. <i>Often observed on an alternate date in LAUSD.</i>
March 31 st	Transgender Day of Visibility	An international day of transgender celebration through stories of excellence, contributions, and resiliency.

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National Arab American Heritage Month celebrates the history, contributions, and culture of the diverse population of Arab Americans and Arab-speaking people in the U.S.

Autism Acceptance Month highlights the need for education and awareness about autism and topics within the autism community. www.autism-society.org

Neurodiversity Awareness Month celebrates naturally occurring neurological differences which are to be accepted and respected as any other human variation. This includes autism, attention deficit hyperactivity, dyscalculia, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Tourette syndrome, and many other neurological differences.

Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 reminds us that no one is immune to unethical and inhumane treatment. Awareness and recognition of all crimes against humanity is a key step for all human beings to take. Through education and dialogue, we can ensure similar atrocities are not carried-out in the future.

Jazz Appreciation Month shines the spotlight on the extraordinary history of jazz and its importance in American culture. <https://americanhistory.si.edu/smithsonian-jazz/jazz-appreciation-month>

Month of the Military Child underscores the significant role of the 1.3 million school children in the Armed Forces community. <https://www.dodea.edu>

National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month. Bilingual/multilingual learners are the fastest growing student population, bringing multiple assets to schools and adding to the rich diversity among students.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month calls upon all people to recognize the alarming rate at which children are abused and neglected, the need to prevent child abuse and to assist families affected by maltreatment. <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

National Poetry Month increases awareness and appreciation of poetry. <https://www.poets.org>

National Financial Literacy Month highlights the importance of financial literacy and healthy financial habits.

Parkinson’s Awareness Month draws awareness to Parkinson's disease, the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second to Alzheimer's disease. www.pdf.org

School Library Month celebrates the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm>

Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls upon all people to share responsibility for protecting each other from sexual assault, supporting victims when it does occur and bringing perpetrators to justice. www.nsvrc.org/saam

Stress Awareness Month is a national, cooperative effort to inform people about successful coping strategies that are prevalent in our society. Visit [LAUSD School Mental Health](#) for resources.

April 1	April Fools’ Day	The day for pranks and placing people in situations that make them look like an “April fool.”
April 2	International Children’s Book Day	This day is observed on Hans Christian Andersen's birthday to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.
April 2*^	Chaitra Sukhladi (H)	Chaitra is the first month of the year according to the lunar religious calendars.
April 2-May1+*^	Ramadan (I)	The commemoration of the first revelation of the Qur’an. Marks the beginning of a month long fast that all Muslims must keep during daylight hours.

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April 3-9*	National Library Week	The week that promotes the use and support of libraries. Sponsored by American Library Association. <i>Occurs during the second full week of April.</i> www.ala.org .
April 6	California Poppy Day Ed Code 37222, Board Rule 1102	Honor the California poppy by providing instruction about the economic and aesthetic value of wildflowers and native plants and by promoting responsible behavior toward our natural resources.
April 6	National Walking Day	Lace up your sneakers and walk for at least 30-minutes to raise awareness of the importance of physical activity and to get started on a healthier way of life.
April 7	World Health Day	Draw global attention to the health of different human populations and the diseases that may impact these populations.
April 8*	Day of Silence	Take a vow of silence to bring attention to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender biased name-calling, bullying and harassment. <i>Observed the second Friday in April.</i> https://www.glsen.org/day-silence
April 8*	Day of Dialogue	The Golden Rule Pledge calls on people of faith to affirm the safe and respectful treatment of all persons and to build bridges with GLBTQ+ people. <i>Observed the same day as Day of Silence.</i> www.goldenrulepledge.com
April 9	National Library Workers Day	A day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
April 10*	Palm Sunday (RC)(P)	The day commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. <i>Observed the Sunday before Easter.</i>
April 10*	Rama Navami (H)	The celebration of the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the God Vishnu. It is a major Hindu festival that is celebrated all over India.
April 11-15*	Week of the Young Child Board Rule 1102	The week promotes activities that honor young children and those who make a difference in children's lives. Sponsored by National Association for the Education of Young Children. www.naeyc.org
April 13	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	Thomas Jefferson, the U.S.'s third president, is known as one of the country's founding fathers and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.
April 14^*	Mahavira Jayanti (Ja)	The birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira, the 24 th Tirthankar and the founder of modern Jainism.
April 15*	Good Friday (RC)(P)	Good Friday commemorates the end of Lent and Christ's crucifixion, death and entombment.
April 15-22+*	Passover (Pesach) (J)	The Jewish festival marking the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

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April 17*	Easter Sunday (RC)(P)	Holiday with secular and religious connotations. The religious observance marks the resurrection of Christ. <i>Observed the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox.</i>
April 18*	Patriots Day	Commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord which were fought near Boston in 1775. <i>Observed the third Monday of April.</i>
April 18-22*	Public School Volunteer Week	Honors and highlights the contributions of parents and caregivers to support student success. <i>Observed the third full week of April.</i> www.projectappleseed.org
April 18-22*	Adult Education Week	Honor teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education programs for their efforts, persistence and accomplishments. AB 38 of 2017.
April 19-23	National Environmental Education Week	Celebrates environmental education and stewardship among K-12 students.
April 20- 30 ^{++^}	Lailat Al-Qadr (I)	The Night of Power marks the night in which God first revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad.
April 21*	First day of Ridván (Ba)	The first day of the Ridván Festival. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
April 21	John Muir Day Ed Code 37222.11	Stress the importance of ecologically sound natural environment in the quality of life and of John Muir's indelible mark he left on California.
April 22	Earth Day	A day in which various events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection.
April 24	Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration of Armenian Genocide	The commemoration of 1.5 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire who perished between 1915 and 1923.
April 24*	Easter Sunday (Pascha) (O)	The Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The Orthodox Easter follows Passover.
April 25	Lesbian Visibility Day	Annual day to celebrate, recognize and bring visibility to lesbians.
April 25-29*	Administrative Professionals Week	Remember the key role of administrative professionals. <i>Occurs during the last full week in April.</i>
April 27*	Administrative Professional Day	Remember the key role of administrative professionals. <i>Observed the Wednesday of the last full week in April.</i>
April 27*	Denim Day –Peace Against Violence	Wear jeans to raise awareness about sexual assault. <i>Observed the fourth Wednesday in April.</i> http://denimdayinfo.org
April 27-28*	Holocaust Remembrance Day Yom HaShoah (J)	Holocaust Remembrance Day Memorializes the martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust

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April 28*	Take Our Children to Work Day <i>a.k.a.</i> Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day® MEM-5415	Take Our Children to Work Day creates an opportunity for children to share and communicate their expectations for the future. <i>Observed the fourth Thursday in April</i> https://daughtersandsonstowork.org/
April 28*	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	In appreciation to the school transportation who provides safe, effective, efficient, and healthy transportation of our students. <i>Occurs the 4th Tuesday of April</i>
April 29* ⁺	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Ba)	The ninth day of the Ridván Festival. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
April 30	Children's Day or Book Day (El día de los niños/El día de los libros)	The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. https://www.cbcbooks.org/2016/03/30/celebrate-children-and-books/

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<p>Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month celebrates the collective accomplishments of Asian Pacific Islanders who comprise many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages, and cultures. Board Rule 1102. http://asianpacificheritage.gov/</p> <p>Better Hearing and Speech Month raises awareness about communication disorders and the role of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association members in providing life-altering treatment. https://www.asha.org/</p> <p>Foster and Kinship Care Month shines a light on the experiences of youth in foster care. https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth</p> <p>Jewish American Heritage Month pays tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped form the fabric of American history, culture, and society. https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/</p> <p>Labor History Month encourages schools to make pupils aware of the role the labor movement has played in shaping California and the United States. <i>Ed Code 51009.</i></p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Month is designated to provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month</p> <p>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month encourages all Americans to take part in regular physical activity and increase their knowledge about the health benefits of exercise. http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/</p> <p>Safe Jobs for Youth Month informs young workers of their rights and responsibilities as they enter the workforce. http://youngworkers.org/</p>		
May 1	International Workers' Day	The worldwide celebration of the social and economic achievements of workers.
May 1	May Day	May Day is a traditional spring holiday with dancing, singing and cake as part of the celebration.
May 1	School Principals Day	In appreciation of the educational leaders of schools who assume the commitment to lead our young people to a prosperous future.
May 1-7*	Be Kind to Animals Week	Voice your concern for and improve the wellness, welfare, and well-being of the nation's animals. <i>Occurs during the first full week of May.</i> www.americanhumane.org
May 2 ⁺ *	Twelfth Day of Ridván (Ba)	The twelfth day of the Ridván Festival is one of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 2-3 ⁺⁺ ^	Eid Al-Fitr (I)	The Feast of the Breaking of the Fast marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
May 2-6*	School Nutrition Employee Week	Showcase the different school nutrition professionals make for every child who comes through the cafeteria. https://schoolnutrition.org
May 2-6*	Children's Book Week	The annual celebration of children's books and reading. Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative. http://everychildareader.net/

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May 2-6*	Screen-Free Week	Discover the joys of life beyond the screen. Spend time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends. <i>Observed the first week of May.</i> http://www.screenfree.org/
May 2-6*	Teacher and Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week	Celebrate teachers and deliver thanks and gratitude for the inspiration, motivation they give to students. <i>Occurs the first week of May.</i> www.nea.org
May 3	World Press Freedom Day	This date informs the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and reminds us of the many journalists who brave death or jail to bring us the news.
May 4*	Bike to School Day	Take the first step toward changing community culture and creating options for getting around that are more inviting for everyone. <i>Occurs the first Wednesday.</i> www.walkbiketoschool.org
May 4*	National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	Help teens postpone parenting until they are through school and in stable, committed relationships. <i>Observed the first Wednesday in May.</i> www.thenationalcampaign.org
May 5	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls/ Red Dress Day	Creates awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) https://www.niwrc.org/
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Board Rule 1102	The anniversary of the 1862 Mexican victory over the French army in the Battle of Puebla.
May 6-12	National Nurses Week	Celebrate the nurses who lead the charge for health and wellness. Culminates on Florence Nightingale's birthday.
May 8*	Mother's Day	Mother's Day was established in 1914. <i>Observed the second Sunday in May.</i>
May 8*^	Buddha Day (B)	Also known as Vesak or Visakha Puja, it marks the occasion of the birth, spiritual awakening, and death of the historical Buddha.
May 8-13*	National Women's Health Week	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health encourages women to take steps to improve their physical and mental health. www.womenshealth.gov
May 9-13*	Student Mental Health Week Board Res-024-20/21	Advocates for staff, students, and families to build greater awareness and skills around mental health and wellness. <i>Observed second week of May.</i>
May 10	El Dia de la Madre	Reflect on and rejoice in the greatness of motherhood. Latinos participate in the custom of giving gifts to their mothers.

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May 11*	Day of the Teacher Ed Code 37222.10, Board Rule 1102	This commemorates teachers and the teaching profession. <i>Observed the second Wednesday in May.</i>
May 11*	National School Nurse Day	Honors all school nurses who care for students every day. <i>Occurs on the Wednesday in National Nurse Week.</i> https://www.nasn.org
May 15	National Peace Officers Memorial Day	Pay tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers who have died or become disabled, in the line of duty.
May 15-21	National Police Week	Recognize the service and sacrifices by law enforcement.
May 16-20*	Classified Employee Week	Recognize the important contributions of classified school employees. <i>Occurs the third full week of May.</i> http://www.csea.com
May 17	Anniversary of School Desegregation Ruling, Brown v. Board of Education	Racial segregation in public schools was unanimously ruled unconstitutional in 1954 by the Supreme Court in <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> .
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	The International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia raises awareness of LGBT rights violations worldwide.
May 20	Red Sneaker Day	Support those who suffer from food allergies by wearing red sneakers.
May 21*	Armed Forces Day	Thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country; replaces separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. <i>Observed the third Saturday in May.</i>
May 22	Harvey Milk Day Ed Code 37222.13	Recognize the life, accomplishments, and contributions of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man elected to public office in California.
May 24*	Declaration of the Báb (Ba)	The day of the declaration of the Bab, who was the forerunner of Baha'u'llah the founder of the Baha'i Faith. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.
May 25	National Missing Children's Day	Spotlight the threat of child abduction, inform families about ways to keep their children safe, and support victims' families. https://www.ojjdp.gov/events/missingchildrensday/
May 26*	Ascension Day (RC) (P)	The ascension of Jesus took place in the presence of his apostles forty days after the Resurrection, thought to have occurred on Mount Olive in Bethany.
May 29+*	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Ba)	The day that marks when Baha'u'llah passed away in 1892. One of the nine holy days during which Bahá'ís do not work.

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<p>May 30* Schools closed</p>	<p>Memorial Day f.k.a. Decoration Day Ed Code 37220</p>	<p>To pay homage to all who died in war, the U.S. flag is quickly raised to the top of the flagpole, slowly lowered to half-mast, and then raised again to full height at noon. The time at half-mast honors the million+ fallen soldiers; re-raising the flag symbolizes the resolve to carry on the fight for freedom so that the nation's heroes will not have died in vain. <i>Observed the last Monday in May.</i></p>
<p>May 31</p>	<p>Day of AANHPI AMEMSA Activism Board Resolution-044-18/19</p>	<p>The day of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian activism commemorates Vincent Jen Chin, victim of a hate crime in 1982.</p>
<p>May 31</p>	<p>World No Tobacco Day</p>	<p>Generates awareness about the health risks of tobacco use and reduce tobacco use worldwide https://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en/</p>

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<p>Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month. Wear purple to draw awareness to the common neurodegenerative disease in the United States. https://www.alz.org/abam/overview.asp</p> <p>Fireworks Safety Month educates those using fireworks on the dangers and injuries that can result from careless behavior. https://www.army.mil/article/58519/june_is_national_fireworks_safety_month</p> <p>Immigrant Heritage Month. Everyone has an immigrant story. Share yours #celebrateimmigrants. http://immigrationimpact.com</p> <p>National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month Eat more fruit and vegetables every day of the year. https://healthyforgood.heart.org</p> <p>National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. https://www.nsc.org/events</p> <p>Pride Month honors the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, which was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement and how LGBTQ American have strengthened our country. Pride Month is celebrated internationally. https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/</p> <p>Rainbow Book Month is the American Library Association’s celebration of authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, genderqueer, queer, intersex, agender and asexual community. http://www.ala.org/</p>		
June 2*	Ascension Day (O)	The ascension of Jesus took place in the presence of his apostles forty days after the Resurrection, thought to have occurred on Mount Olive in Bethany.
June 4-6+*	Shavuot, Festival of Weeks (J)	A festival commemorating the giving of the law (Torah) to Moses on Mount Sinai.
June 5*	Pentecost – Whitsunday (RC) (P)	Considered the birthday of the Church, Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus.
June 5	World Environment Day	World Environment Day encourages awareness and action for the protection of our environment. https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day
June 11-12^*	Christopher Street West Anniversary of Stonewall Rebellion	Pride events around the world recognize the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion as a turning point in the struggle for equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. <i>Observed the second weekend of June in Los Angeles.</i>
June 12	Loving Day	Observes the anniversary of the 1967 Supreme Court Loving v. Virginia decision that struck down the miscegenation laws barring interracial marriage.
June 12	Anne Frank Day	The birthday of a young Jewish girl whose diary described her family’s experiences hiding from the Nazis through the assistance of Gentile friends.

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June 12*	Pentecost – Whitsunday (O)	Considered the birthday of the Church, Orthodox Pentecost is celebrated fiftieth day after Pascha (Orthodox Easter) to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus.
June 12*	Race Unity Day (Ba)	The Bahá'í-sponsored observance promotes racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity. <i>Observed the second Sunday in June.</i>
June 14	Flag Day	The Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes as the nation's official flag on June 14, 1777. www.nationalflagday.com
June 19	Juneteenth, aka Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day	Commemoration of the day that enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas learned of their emancipation. Recognized by President Biden as a federal holiday in 2021.
June 19*	Father's Day	A celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. <i>Observed the third Sunday in June.</i>
June 19*	All Saints Day (O)	The day in Orthodox churches commemorating all known and unknown Christian saints. <i>Observed the first Sunday after Pentecost.</i>
June 20	World Refugee Day	Communities, schools, businesses, faith groups and people from all walks of life are taking big and small steps in solidarity with refugees. https://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/
June 21*	Summer Solstice	Summer solstice marks the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and is the first day of summer.
June 26	Marriage Equality Day	Observes the anniversary of the 2015 Supreme Court Obergefell v. Hodges decision that ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples. http://www.freedomtomarry.org/

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