

2016-2017 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2016							FEBRUARY 2017							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31				26	27	28					
SEPTEMBER 2016							MARCH 2017							
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
25	26	27	28	29	30		26	27	28	29	30	31		
OCTOBER 2016							APRIL 2017							
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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NOVEMBER 2016							MAY 2017							
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
27	28	29	30				28	29	30	31				
DECEMBER 2016							JUNE 2017							
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	25	26	27	28	29	30		
JANUARY 2017							JULY 2017							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
29	30	31					23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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School Committee Meetings

KEY	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></div> No School ALL Schools </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px; background: repeating-linear-gradient(45deg, transparent, transparent 2px, black 2px, black 4px);"></div> 5 Snow Days* </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px; background: repeating-linear-gradient(-45deg, transparent, transparent 2px, black 2px, black 4px);"></div> Early Release ALL Schools </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px; margin-right: 5px; background-color: yellow;"></div> Conference Days </div>
<p>* Important note to staff & parents: June 16 - 22 are possible school days. It is highly recommended that you reserve these days.</p>	

STARTING DATES

August 29	Teachers Return
August 30	Pre-1 st - 5 Classes Begin
August 30	Grades 6 & 9 Orientation
August 30 – Sept 1	PreK & Kindergarten Orientation Days
August 31	Grades 7, 8, & 10–12 Classes Begin
September 6	PreK & Kindergarten Classes Begin, along with Kindergarten Extended Day Program

NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAYS/VACATION DAYS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September 2 - 5	Labor Day Weekend
October 10	Columbus Day
November 8	Professional Development
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24 - 25	Thanksgiving Break
December 26 – 30	Holiday Break
January 2	New Years Day Observed
January 16	Martin L. King Day
January 17	Professional Development
February 20 - 24	Winter Break
April 17 - 21	Spring Break
May 29	Memorial Day

EARLY RELEASE ALL SCHOOLS

November 23	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Professional Development
December 23	Holiday Break
February 8	Professional Development
March 16	Professional Development
April 5	Professional Development
April 14	Early Release
May 18	Professional Development
June 15	Tentative last student day

* Kindergarten AM/PM Sessions – In order to achieve equity in instructional time, the Early Release days in November – March, AM students will attend; PM students will have no school. For the Early Release days in April – June, PM students will attend in the morning; AM students will have no school.

CURRICULUM EVENTS

September 8	Blanchard - 6 th Grade
September 15	Abbot School
September 15	Day School
September 15	Crisafulli School – 3 rd & 4 th Grades
September 19	1 st & 2 nd Grades
September 22	Blanchard - 7 th & 8 th Grade
September 22	Stony Brook - 7 th & 8 th Grade
September 26	Kindergarten & Pre-First
September 28	Crisafulli School - 5 th Grade
September 29	Stony Brook – 6 th Grade
October 6	Westford Academy (No classes at WA)

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MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

October 3 & 4	Rosh Hashanah
October 12	Yom Kippur
October 30	Diwali begins
December 25	Chanukah begins
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanzaa
January 28	Chinese New Year
April 10	Passover
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter
May 27 – June 25	Ramadan

The following policies apply to students celebrating the holidays noted above:

- Homework and projects will not be assigned so that the due dates will conflict with the celebration of religious holidays (Policy 6112)
- Teachers shall not schedule the studying for, or taking of, tests to conflict with religious holidays (Policy 6113)

To assist us in our organizational awareness of major religious and cultural holidays, we ask that you comply with Policy 5114: Observance of a religious holiday shall be viewed as valid justification for student absence, late homework/project submission and delayed testing, only when the teacher has been notified of the observance date no later than two weeks in advance. It is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to notify the teacher of these dates at the beginning of the school year.

The observance of Jewish holidays begins at sundown of the preceding day.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Please note the different dates for no school days, and delays for conferences.

Oct. 6	Grades 9-12 - conferences - Curriculum Event - No School
Nov. 21	Grades PreK & K-5 - a.m. conferences – 2 hour delay
Nov. 22	Grades PreK & K-5 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School
Dec. 13	Grades 6-8 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour 30 min. delay
Dec. 14	Grades 6-8 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School
Mar. 29	Grades PreK & K-5 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay
Mar. 30	Grades PreK & K-5 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - No School

MARKING PERIODS

Elementary Marking Period Ends: Dec. 2, March 10 & June 15

Middle School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 18, March 10 & June 15

High School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 4, Jan. 24, April 4 & June 15

Kindergarten Registration: March 6, 2017, 6-8 p.m. & March 7, 2017
9 a.m. - 12 noon

STARTING AND DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

<u>School</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>	<u>Early Dismissal</u>
Westford Academy	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Blanchard	7:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Stony Brook	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.
K (a.m.)	9:05 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:20 p.m.
K (p.m.)	12:40 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	No school
PreK (a.m.)	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
PreK (p.m.)	12:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	No school

SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Approximately 5:30 A.M.)

Web: westfordk12.us

Radio: WBZ (1030), WCAP (980), WRKO (680)

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

WA Graduation: June 2, 2017

School Committee approved: 2/29/16

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