

# 2017-2018 WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017							FEBRUARY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	<del>7</del>	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31			25	26	27	28			
SEPTEMBER 2017							MARCH 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
OCTOBER 2017							APRIL 2018						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30					
NOVEMBER 2017							MAY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	13	14	15	16	<del>17</del>	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
26	27	28	29	30			27	28	29	30	31		
DECEMBER 2017							JUNE 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	<del>7</del>	8	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31													
JANUARY 2018							JULY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31				29	30	31				

## STARTING DATES

August 28	Teachers Return
August 29	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 Classes Begin
August 29	Grades 6 & 9 Orientation
August 29-31	PreK & Kindergarten Orientation Days
August 30	Grades 7, 8, & 10-12 Classes Begin
September 5	PreK & Kindergarten Classes Begin, along with Kindergarten Extended Day Program

## NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAYS/VACATION DAYS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September 1-4	Labor Day Weekend
October 9	Columbus Day
October 10	Professional Development
November 10	Veteran's Day
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Break
December 25-29	Holiday Break
January 1	New Years Day Observed
January 15	Martin L. King Day
January 16	Professional Development
February 19-23	Winter Break
April 16-20	Spring Break
May 28	Memorial Day

## EARLY RELEASE ALL SCHOOLS

November 22	Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Professional Development
February 7	Professional Development
March 15	Professional Development
March 30	Early Release
April 4	Professional Development
May 17	Professional Development
June 14	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.

## MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS

September 1	Eid al-Adha
September 21 & 22	Rosh Hashanah
September 30	Yom Kippur
October 19	Diwali begins
December 13	Chanukah begins
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanzaa
February 16	Lunar New Year
March 30	Good Friday
March 31	Passover
April 1	Easter
May 15 - June 14	Ramadan
June 15	Eid al-Fitr

The observance of both Jewish and Muslim holidays begins at sundown of the preceding day. Please see polices related to celebrating holidays on back of calendar. \*

### KEY

No School ALL Schools      / Early Release ALL Schools

Religious & Cultural Holidays       5 Snow Days\*

**BOLD #’s** Conference Days

\*Important note to staff & parents: June 15-21 are possible school days. It is highly recommended that you reserve these days.

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### CURRICULUM EVENTS

September 7	Abbot School
September 7	Day School
September 7	Crisafulli School – 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades
September 12	Crisafulli School - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
September 13	Blanchard - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades
September 13	Stony Brook - 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades
September 14	Blanchard - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
September 14	Stony Brook – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
September 19	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades
September 28	Kindergarten & Pre-First
October 5	Westford Academy (No classes at WA)

### PARENT CONFERENCES

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

<b>Oct. 5</b>	Grades 9-12 - conferences - Curriculum Event - <b>No School</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Grades PreK & K-5 - a.m. conferences – 2 hour delay
<b>Nov. 21</b>	Grades PreK & K-5 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - <b>No School</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Grades 6-8 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - <b>No School</b>
<b>Dec. 12</b>	Grades 6-8 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour 30 min. delay
<b>Mar. 22</b>	Grades PreK & K-5 - 2-8 p.m. conferences - <b>No School</b>
<b>Mar. 23</b>	Grades PreK & K-5 - a.m. conferences - 2 hour delay

### MARKING PERIODS

Preschool Marking Period Ends: Jan. 19 & June 14  
 Elementary Marking Period Ends: Dec. 1, March 9 & June 14  
 Middle School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 22, March 16 & June 14  
 High School Marking Period Ends: Nov. 1, Jan. 19, March 30 & June 14

### 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](http://westfordk12.us)

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

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

School Committee approved: 4/3/17

### \* MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS POLICIES

**Per Policy 5114:** The existence of a religious holiday on a given day is, in and of itself, not a valid reason for removing a full or half day from the school calendar. A partial list of major cultural holidays will be listed on the reverse of the school calendar for reference only. If a committee is in place, the district or town cultural committee will review the list bi-annually. A more complete list of Massachusetts's legal holidays and some major religious holidays can be accessed annually at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/resources/holidays.html>.

**Per Policy 5203:** To be consistent with the spirit and letter of the law, and to avoid compromising any student's religious freedoms, the following guidelines are established.

**Excused Absences** – The Westford Public Schools will allow excused absences to celebrate religious holidays.

**Notification of Absence** – Parents are expected to follow procedures for 'reporting an absence' as stipulated in the student handbook.

**Religious Holiday Observance** – A student may not be penalized for his/her observance of a religious holiday. The student is expected to complete work impacted by the religious observance within one week of the holiday. Any missed tests or quizzes shall be taken within a week of the missed day, at a time mutually agreeable to the teacher and the student. At the elementary and middle school, it may be necessary to involve the student's parent/guardian for transportation consideration. Staff and teachers shall provide students with class notes or syllabus, and any assignments prior to the absence if requested and if available. Otherwise these items shall be provided upon return from a religious holiday.

**Sports and Extracurricular Activities** – Students shall not be penalized because they are unable to participate in a sporting event, practice, try-outs or any other extra-curricular activity due to their observance of a religious holiday.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** March 5, 2018, 6-8 p.m. & March 6, 2018, 9 - 12 noon

**WA GRADUATION: June 1, 2018**