

Religious Expression Days: Columbiana Exempted Village School District recognizes the value and sense of belonging that comes from engaging in religious practices. Our goal is to ensure that all members of our learning community can observe important religious traditions without facing negative consequences.

In accordance with Board Policy 5200, the district allows up to three Religious Expression Days per school year for students to observe holidays or participate in faith-based activities. Students who use approved Religious Expression Days will not face academic penalties and will receive accommodations for missed exams, assignments, or other academic requirements.

Major Religious Holidays: Columbiana Exempted Village School District follows the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce’s list. This list includes many significant observances shared by community members and is meant for informational purposes. Due to differences in cultural and regional practices and the use of various calendars, some dates may vary.

Non-exhaustive List of Major Religious Holidays

Rosh Hashanah	Oct. 2-4, 2024	Sept. 22-24, 2025
Yom Kippur	Oct. 11-12, 2024	Oct. 1-2, 2025
Diwali	Oct. 31 - Nov 1, 2024	Oct. 20-21, 2025
Hanukkah	Dec. 25, 2024 - Jan. 2, 2025	Dec. 21-29, 2025
Ramadan	Feb. 28 - March 30, 2025	Feb. 17 - March 18, 2026
Ash Wednesday	March 5, 2025	Feb. 18, 2026
Eid al-Fitr	March 29-30, 2025	March 19-20, 2026
Pesach (Passover)	April 12-20, 2025	April 1-9, 2026
Good Friday	April 18, 2025	April 3, 2026
Easter	April 20, 2025	April 5, 2026
Eid al-Adha	June 6-7, 2025	May 26-27, 2026

How to Request: Parents or guardians must submit a written request to the school principal within 14 days of the start of the school year or within 14 days of a student’s enrollment. The request must specify the religious expression day(s) to be approved.

Once the days have been approved, the Principal will ensure that each teacher schedules a time and date for alternative examinations or other academic requirements that conflict with the student's absence. Students may participate in interscholastic athletics or other extracurricular activities on days in which the student is absent for religious expression.

For more information, refer to Board Policy 5200
<https://go.boarddocs.com/oh/columbev/Board.nsf/public?open&id=policies%23#>