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[NOTE: This policy is required by State law and the Florida Administrative Code.]

5225 - ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

It is the policy of the School Board that absences from school for observance of a religious holiday or because of the tenets of a student's religion forbid secular activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to compliance with this policy.

The following religious holidays for the 2017-2018 school year for which student absence will be excused:

A. July

    1. July 9th - Martyrdom of the Bab* (Baha'i)

    2. July 11th - St. Benedict Day (Catholic Christian)

    3. July 13th-15th - Obon (Ulamabana)* (Buddhist and Shinto)

    4. July 15th - St. Vladimir the Great Day (Orthodox Christian)

    5. July 16h - Asalha Puja Day* (Buddhist)July 22nd - Tish'a B'av (Jewish)

    6. July 24th - Pioneer Day (Mormon Christian)

    7. July 25th - St. James the Great Day (Christian)

    8. July 27th - Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)

B. August

    1. August 1st

        a. Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

        b. Lammas (Christian)

        c. Lughnassad - Imbolc* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

    2. August 2nd - Lughnassad - Imbolc (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

    3. August 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord (Orthodox Christian)

    4. August 10th

     a. Tish'a B'av (Jewish)

     b. Waqf al Arafa* (Islam)

4. August ~~12th-15th~~ Eis al Adha* (Islam)

5. August ~~15th~~

     a. Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)

     b. Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)

6. ~~August 22nd-25th - Eid al Adha (Islam)~~

7. August ~~29th~~

     a. Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Christian)

     b. ~~Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)~~

C. September

1. September ~~1st~~

     a. Ecclesiastical~~Religious~~ year begins (Orthodox Christian)

     b. Hijra - New Year* (Islam)

2. September ~~3rd -~~ Paryushana Parva* (Jain)~~Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)~~

3. September ~~8th~~9th Nativity of Virgin Mary (Christian)

4. ~~September 10th-11th - Rosh Hashannah (Jewish)~~

5. ~~September 12th - Hijra - New Year (Islam)~~

6. September ~~10th -~~ Ashura* (Islam)~~13th - Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)~~

7. September ~~14th~~

     a. Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) (Christian)

     b. ~~Paryushana Parva (Jain)~~

8. ~~September 19th - Yom Kippur (Jewish)~~

9. ~~September 21st - Ashura (Islam)~~

10. September ~~23rd~~22nd Mabon - Ostara* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

11. ~~September 24th-31st - Sukkot (Jewish)~~

12. September ~~27th~~ Meskel (Ethiopian Orthodox Christian)

13. September ~~29th~~ Michael and All Angels (Christian)

14. September ~~30th-October 1st -~~ Rosh Hashanah* (Jewish)

D. October

1. ~~October 1st – Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)~~

2. ~~October 2nd – Simchat Torah (Jewish)~~

3. October ~~4th~~

    a. St. Francis Day (Catholic Christian)

    b. Blessing of the Animals (Christian)

4. October ~~8th –~~ Dasara* (Hindu)~~Thanksgiving – Canada (Interfaith)~~

5. October ~~9th –~~ Yom Kippur* (Jewish)~~9th-16th – Navaratri (Hindu)~~

6. October ~~14th-20th~~ - Sukkot* (Jewish)

7. October ~~14th~~ - Thanksgiving - Canada (Interfaith)

8. October ~~18th~~ - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist (Christian)

9. ~~October 19th – Dasara (Hindu)~~

10. October ~~20th~~

    a. Birth of Bab (Baha'i)

    b. Installation of Scriptures of Guru Granth (Sikh)

11. October ~~21st~~ - Shemini Atzeret* (Jewish)

12. October ~~22nd~~ - Simchat Torah* (Jewish)

13. October ~~27th~~

    a. Christ the King (Christian)

    b. Diwali (Sikh, Hindu, Jain)

14. October ~~~~th

    a. Jain New Year (Jain)~~Reformation Day (Protestant Christian)~~

    b. Milvian Bridge Day (Christian)

15. October ~~29th~~ - Reformation Day (Protestant Christian)

16. October ~~31s~~t

    a. All Hallows Eve (Christian)

    b. Reformation Day (Protestant Christian)

E. November

    1. N~~N~~ovember ~~1st~~

    2. All Saints' Day (Christian)

        a. Samhain-Beltane* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

3. November ~~2nd~~ - All Souls' Day (Catholic Christian)

4. ~~November 7th - Diwali (Sikh, Jain, and Hindu)~~

5. ~~November 8th~~

   a. ~~Jain New Year (Jain)~~

   b. ~~Vikram New Year (Hindu)~~

6. November ~~10th~~ - Mawlid an Nabi* (Islam)
7. November ~~12th~~

   a. Birth of Baha'u'llah* (Baha'i)

   b. Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikh)

8. November ~~15th~~ - Nativity Feast begins-ends Dec. 24th (Orthodox Christian)

9. ~~November 21st - Mawlid an Nabi (Islam)~~

10. November ~~23rd~~22nd - Thanksgiving (Interfaith ~~USA~~)

11. November ~~24th~~23rd - Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur~~Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday~~ (Sikh)

12. ~~November 25th - Christ the King (Christian)~~

13. November ~~26th~~

   a. Christ the King (Christian)

   b. Day of the Covenant* (Baha'i)
   c. November ~~28th~~

      a. Ascension of 'Abdu'l Baha (Baha'i)

      b. Thanksgiving (Interfaith USA)

14. November ~~30th~~ - St. Andrew's Day (Christian)

F. December

1. December ~~1st~~2nd-24th - Advent (Christian)

2. ~~December 3rd-10th - Hanukkah (Jewish)~~

3. December ~~6th~~ - Saint Nicholas Day (Christian)
4. December ~~8th~~
5. Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) (Buddhist)

   a. Immaculate Conception of Mary (Catholic Christian)

6. December ~~12th~~ - Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe (Catholic Christian)

7. December ~~16th-25th~~ - Posada Navidenas (Hispanic Christian)

8. December ~~21st~~

   a. Yule (Christian)

   b. Yule - Litha* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

    c. ~~Saint Thomas the Apostle (Christian)~~

9. <u>December</u> ~~23rd 30th~~ <u>- Hanukkah (Jewish)</u>

10. December ~~24th~~ - Christmas Eve (Christian)

11. December ~~25th~~

    a. Christmas (Christian)

    b. Feast of the Nativity<u>*</u> (Orthodox Christian)

12. December ~~26th~~

    a. Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra)<u>*</u> (Zoroastrian)

    b. St. Stephen's Day (Christian)

13. <u>December</u> ~~27th~~ <u>- Saint John - Apostle and Evangelist (Christian)</u>

14. December ~~28th~~ - Holy Innocents (Christian)

15. December ~~30th~~ - Holy Family (Catholic Christian)

16. December ~~31st~~ - Watch Night (Christian)

G. January

1. January ~~1st~~

    a. Gantan-sai (New Years) (Shinto)

    b. Mary, Mother of God (Catholic Christian)

    c. Feast Day of St. Basil (Orthodox Christian)

    d. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (Orthodox Christian)

2. <u>January</u> ~~3rd~~ <u>- Vasant Panchami* (Hindu)</u>

3. January ~~5th~~

    a. Birthday of Guru Gobindh Sigh (Sikh)

    b. Twelfth Night (Christian)

4. <u>January</u> ~~January~~ 6th

    a. Epiphany (Christian)

    b. Feast of Ephiphany (Theophany) (Orthodox Christian)

    c. Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)

    d. Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) (Christian)

5. January ~~7th~~ - Feast of the Nativity<u>*</u> (Orthodox Christian)

6. January ~~8th~~ - Feast of the Holy Family (Catholic Christian)

7. January ~~10th-12th~~ - Mahayana New Year* (Buddhist)

8. January ~~12th~~ - Baptism of the Lord Jesus (Christian)

9. January ~~13th~~

   a. Maghi (Sikh)

   b. ~~Baptism of the Lord Jesus (Christian)~~

10. January ~~17th~~ - Blessing of the Animals (Hispanic Catholic Christian)

11. January ~~18th-25th~~ - Week of Prayer of Christian Unity (Christian)

12. January ~~19th~~ - World Religion Day* (Baha'i)

13. January ~~20th~~19th - Timkat (Ethiopian Orthodox Christian)

14. ~~January 20th~~

   a. ~~World Religion Day (Baha'i)~~

   b. ~~Tu BiShavat (Jewish)~~

15. ~~January 21st-23rd - Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)~~

16. January ~~25th~~ - Conversion of St. Paul (Christian)

17. January ~~28th~~ - Tu BiShavat* (Jewish)

H. February

   1. February ~~2nd~~

      a. Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Christian)

      b. Imbolc - Lughnassad* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

      c. Saint Brighid of Kildare (Celtic Christian)

      d. Four Chaplains Sunday (Interfaith)

   2. February ~~3rd~~

      a. St. Blaze Day (Christian)

      b. Setsebun-sai (beginning of spring) (Shinto)

      c. ~~Four Chaplains Sunday (Interfaith)~~

   3. February ~~5th~~ - Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)

   4. February ~~8th~~ - Nirvana Day (Buddhist)

   5. February ~~9th~~ - Triodion begins (Orthodox Christian)

   6. ~~February 10th - Cheesefare Sunday (Orthodox Christian)~~

   7. February ~~12th~~ - Triodion (Orthodox Christian)

8. February ~~14th~~ - St. Valentine's Day (Christian)

9. February ~~15th~~ - Nirvana Day* (Buddhist and Jain)

10. February ~~22nd~~ - Maha Shivaratri* (Hindu)

11. February ~~23rd~~

    a. Meatfare Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

    b. Transfiguration Sunday (Christian)

12. February ~~25th~~ - Shrove Tuesday (Christian)

13. ~~February 17th - Triodion begins (Orthodox Christian)~~

14. February ~~26th March 1st~~

    a. Intercalary Days begin (Baha'i)

    b. Ash Wednesday - Lent begins (Christian)

I. March

1. March ~~1st~~

    a. St. David of Wales (Christian)

    b. Intercalary Days ends (Baha'i)

    c. Cheesefare Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

2. March ~~2nd~~ - Clean Monday - Great Lent begins (Orthodox Christian)

3. March ~~2nd 20th~~ - Nineteen Day Feast* (Baha'i)

4. March ~~3rd~~ - Hindi New Year* (Hindu)

    a. ~~Meatfare Sunday (Orthodox Christian)~~

    b. ~~Transfiguration Sunday (Christian)~~

5. ~~March 5th - Shrove Tuesday (Christian)~~

6. ~~March 6th - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins (Christian)~~

7. March ~~8th~~10th - Orthodox Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

8. ~~March 11st - Clean Monday - Great Lent begins (Orthodox Christian)~~

9. March ~~9th~~ - Magha Puja Day* (Buddhist)

10. March ~~10th~~

    a. Holi* (Hindu)

    b. Purim* (Jewish)

    c. Hola Mohalla (Sikh)

11. March ~~13th~~ - L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Scientology)

12. March ~~17th~~ - St. Patrick's Day (Christian)

13. March ~~19th~~ –

    a. St. Joseph's Day (Christian)

    b. Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness Christian)

14. March ~~20th~~ - Ostara - Mabon* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

15. March ~~21st~~

    a. Norooz (New Year) (Persian/Zoroastrian)

    b. Naw Ruz (New Year)* (Baha'i)

    c. ~~Hola Mohalla (Sikh)~~

    d. ~~Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness Christian)~~

    e. ~~Purim (Jewish)~~

16. March ~~25th~~ - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)

17. March ~~25th-April 2nd~~ - Ramayana* (Hindu)

18. March ~~28th~~ - Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra)* (Zoroastrian)

J. April

    1. April ~~2nd~~ - Ramanavami* (Hindu)

    2. April ~~3rd~~ - Laylat al Miraj* (Islam)

    3. April ~~5th~~ - Palm Sunday (Christian)

    4. April ~~8th~~ - Hanuman Jayanti* (Hindu)

    5. April ~~9th-11th~~ - Theravadin New Year* (Buddhist)

    6. April ~~9th-15th~~ - Pesach* (Jewish)

    7. April ~~9th~~ –

        a. Mahavir Jayanti* (Jain)

        b. Maundy Thursday (Christian)

    8. April ~~10th~~ - Good Friday (Christian)

    9. April ~~11th~~ - Lazarus Saturday (Orthodox Christian)

    10. April ~~12th~~

        a. Easter (Christian)

        b. Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

    c. Lag B'Omer (Jewish)

11. April ~~14th~~

    a. Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) (Sikh)

    b. ~~Palm Sunday (Christian)~~

12. April ~~17th~~ - Holy Friday~~Orthodox Sunday~~ (Orthodox Christian)

13. ~~April 18th - Maundy Thursday (Christian)~~

14. April ~~19th~~ - Pascha - Easter (Orthodox Christian)~~Good Friday (Christian)~~

15. ~~April 19th-21st - Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)~~

16. ~~April 20th-27th - Pesach (Jewish)~~

17. ~~April 20th - Lazrus Saturday (Orthodox Christian)~~

18. April ~~21st~~

    a. Yom HaShoah (Jewish)~~Easter (Christian)~~

    b. First Day of Ridvan* (Baha'i)

    c. Lailat al Bara'ah* (Islam)

    d. Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

19. April ~~23rd~~ - St. George's Day (Christian)

20. April ~~27th~~26th - Mahavir Jayanti* (Jain)~~Holy Friday (Orthodox Christian)~~

21. ~~April 28th - Pascha - Easter (Orthodox Christian)~~

22. April ~~29th –~~

    a. Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

    b. Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul (Christian)

    c. Yom Ha'Atzmaut* (Jewish)

23. April ~~30th~~ - St. James the Great Day (Orthodox Christian)

K. May

1. May ~~1st~~ - Beltane - Samhain* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

2. May ~~2nd~~

    a. Last Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

    b. ~~National Day of Prayer USA (Interfaith)~~

    c. ~~Yom HaShoah (Jewish)~~

3. May ~~3rd~~ - Saints Philip & James (Christian)

4. ~~May 6th - Ramadan begins (Islam)~~

5. ~~May 9th - Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Jewish)~~

6. May ~~7th~~May 18th - ~~Visakha Puja - Buddha Day (Buddhist)~~

   a. Visakha Puja - Buddha Day* (Buddhist)

   b. National Day of Prayer USA (Interfaith)

7. May ~~21st~~ - Ascension of Jesus (Christian)

8. May ~~23rd~~

   a. Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)

   b. ~~Lag B'Omer (Jewish)~~

9. May ~~29th -~~

   a. Ascension of Baha'u'llah* (Baha'i)

   b. Ascension of Jesus (Orthodox Christian)

10. May ~~29th-30th~~ - Shavuot* (Jewish)

11. May ~~31st~~ - Pentecost (Christian)

12. ~~May 30th - Ascension of Jesus (Christian)~~

L. June

   1. June ~~1st~~ - Laylat al Kadr* (Islam)

   2. June ~~5th-7th~~ - Eid al Fitr* (Islam)

   3. June ~~7th~~6th - ~~Ascension of Jesus (Orthodox Christian)~~

      a. Pentecost (Orthodox Christian)

      b. Trinity Sunday (Christian)

   4. June ~~9th~~

      a. St. Columba of Iona (Celtic Christian)

      b. ~~Pentecost (Christian)~~

   5. June ~~11th~~ - Corpus Christi (Catholic Christian)

   6. June ~~14th~~ - All Saints (Orthodox Christian)

   7. June ~~15th~~ - Saint Vladimir Day (Christian)

   8. June ~~16th~~

      a. Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)

b. ~~Trinity Sunday (Christian)~~

9. June ~~19th~~ –

    a. <u>Sacred Heart of Jesus (Catholic Christian)</u>

    b. New Church Day (Swedenborgian Christian)

10. ~~June 20th - Corpus Christi (Catholic Christian)~~

11. June ~~21st~~ - Litha - Yule* (Wicca/Pagan (northern and southern hemispheres))

12. June ~~22nd~~ - First Nations Day (Canadian Native People)

13. ~~June 23rd - All Saints (Orthodox Christian)~~

14. ~~June 28th - Sacred Heart of Jesus (Catholic Christian)~~

15. June ~~29th~~ - Feast of the Saints Peter and Paul (Christian)

* Approximate date based on lunar calendar. Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian, and Julian calendars.

(**X**) Periodically, ( ) Annually, [END OF OPTIONS] the Superintendent may consult with religious institutions and leaders in the community with regard to modification of the above list of religious holidays. The Board, however, is not bound by the information provided to the Superintendent by religious institutions and leaders.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures and time limits to be observed:

A. by students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student, so excused, an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed;

B. by a student's parent(s) or guardian when giving prior notice of the student's intended absence; and

C. when giving affected students and parents an opportunity to be heard in connection with the decision not to excuse an absence on a day or portion thereof which is not included in the above list of religious holidays.

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