

# **H-B WOODLAWN HANDBOOK 2017 – 2018 for Parents, Students, and Staff**



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**School Calendar: <https://hbwoodlawn.apsva.us/calendar>**

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“Every family receives an APS Handbook because it contains information on local, state or federal policies/law. Parents sign an acknowledgement form to verify that they have received it and return the form to the school. The H-B Woodlawn Handbook supplements the APS Handbook while providing specific information pertaining to rules and expectations at H-B Woodlawn.”

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## **H-B WOODLAWN CALENDAR 2017-2018    Calendar and Schedule Information**

September	4	(M)	Labor Day Holiday
	5	(T)	First day of school
	14	(Th)	Back to School Night- 7:00 pm (grades 6-12)
	21	(Th)	Early Release 1:30pm – Staff Meeting
October	9	(M)	Columbus Day Holiday (no school for students)
	11	(W)	PSAT (at HBW for 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	17	(T)	Arlington College Night at Wakefield HS – 6:00-8:00 pm
	26	(Th)	Early Release – 1:30 pm
	TBA	(TBA)	Senior Portraits
November	7	(T)	Grade Preparation Day (no school for students)
	10	(F)	Veterans' Day Holiday
	17	(F)	First Quarter Report cards issued
	22-24	(W-F)	Thanksgiving Holiday
	TBA	(TBA)	Picture Day- Room 209
December	TBA	(TBA)	Senior Portrait Make Up Day
	TBA	(TBA)	Picture Make Up Day- Room 209
	22	(F)	First day of Winter Vacation
January	2	(T)	School reopens after Winter Vacation
	4	(Th)	College Night for H-B Woodlawn – 7:30 pm
	15	(M)	Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday
	26	(F)	Grade Preparation Day (no school for students)
February	6	(T)	Second Quarter Report Cards issued
	7	(W)	Staff meeting to prepare for course selection
	8	(Th)	Students make course requests for 2018-19
	19	(M)	Presidents' Day Holiday
	22	(Th)	Middle School Portfolio Night
TBD		Lottery for new sixth and ninth grade classes	
March	15	(Th)	Early Release – 1:30 pm
	26-30	(M-F)	Spring Vacation
April	9	(M)	Grade Preparation Day (no school for students)
	12-15	(Th-Sun)	HS Music Trip
	18	(W)	Third Quarter Report cards issued
	19	(Th)	Early Release 1:30
19	(Th)	Allocation Meeting	
May	7-18		AP Exams
	21	(M)	Prom
	28	(M)	Memorial Day Holiday
	5/21 – 6/8		SOL Tests
June	7	(Th)	Arena Scheduling
	13	(W)	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion- 7pm
	15	(F)	Last Day - Early Release – 11:15 am
	15	(F)	Senior Potluck and Graduation – 5:00 pm
	18-20	(M-W)	Teacher Records Days – no school for students
	27	(W)	Report cards mailed home (9-12)

**REMINDER: The H-B Woodlawn calendar does not always match the APS calendar. Please check <https://hbwoodlawn.apsva.us/calendar/>**

## Important Information

**CHECK THE ON-LINE CALENDAR FOR UP-TO-DATE EVENT SCHEDULES:  
<https://hbwoodlawn.apsva.us/calendar>**

**1. Early Release**

The following Thursday afternoons have been designated as early release days: September 21, October 26, March 15, April 19, and June 15. Buses will pick up students at approximately 1:30 (11:15 on June 15) and take them home. The staff will use the afternoons for staff meetings.

**2. Town Meeting**

Our Town Meeting will meet on most Tuesdays beginning at 9:25. The Town Meeting is a forum composed of students, staff, and parents. The group functions as the chief governing body for the H-B Woodlawn Program. All students and staff are encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome to participate at any time.

**3. TA Time**

TA time will be on Thursday at 10:20 and on Monday at 3:15. This time allows students to meet with their Teacher Advisors and their TA groups for a variety of activities.

**4. PAC Meeting**

Each month the Parent Advisory Committee, known as PAC, meets to discuss various topics related to the H-B Woodlawn Program. All parents are invited to attend the meetings. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday (generally) of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**5. Back-to-School Night**

Back-to-School Night will be held Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. This occasion gives parents the opportunity to learn more about individual course offerings and teachers' expectations for their courses as well as general information about our program. Parents will receive a reminder about the date.

## **II. General Information**

**1. School and Class Attendance      call (703)228-6363  
or e-mail: [hbw.attendance@apsva.us](mailto:hbw.attendance@apsva.us)**

Attendance will be taken by the teachers. We request that parents call the office or e-mail before 9:30 when their students will not be in school. Please report your student's absence. Should we fail to hear from the parent, Vanessa will call parents individually. When arriving late to school or leaving early, all middle school students must be signed in/out by an adult.

High School:    **NB: Absences and tardies are reported on student transcripts. Any college/university or employer receiving a transcript will see an annual tally of attendance. The recording of absences and tardies makes no distinction between excused and unexcused.** Students are accountable for their attendance in each class. Teachers report attendance for each class. Teachers have individual attendance policies. It is expected that the teachers will make known their policies to students, teacher advisors (TAs), and parents. Teachers are expected to inform TAs, parents and administrators of chronic attendance problems.

***Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Should we fail to hear from the parent, office staff will call parents individually.*** The best time for a parent to report a student's absence is before school. Of course, you may also call during the school day. You may leave a message before 8:30 and after 4:30 at (703) 228-6363 or e-mail **hbw.attendance@apsva.us**. Once the parent has reported an absence to school staff, our automated attendance system is updated and teachers see this when they enter their class period attendance. Students may not excuse their own attendance. When a student calls themselves in, the office staff will call the parent/guardian to verify the absence.

When a student arrives late to school, s/he must sign in. Middle school students need to be signed in by an adult; high school students can sign themselves in. **Tardiness is not excused unless a parent/guardian calls or provides a note excusing the late arrival.** We cannot excuse tardiness for missing the bus, over sleeping, forgetting that class is being held, etc. For more information, please refer to the Arlington Public School's Parent Handbook for the attendance policy (included in the First Day Packet).

Notes to individual teachers are not necessary, but up to you. You're welcome to provide a written excuse to the attendance staff. All attendance reporting is done centrally through the school attendance secretaries based on parent calls or notes.

When a student skips class, the teacher and student's TA work together with students to encourage them to assume responsibility for the consequences of their actions. Generally, the disciplinary consequence for repeated skipping is possible failure. Parents and students are reminded that under some circumstances a student may be denied credit in a course due to the excessive absences. Teachers will call parents when absences are excessive. There is a state law that requires a conference with a court official for excessive unexcused student absences.

We ask parents to refrain from requesting that students be excused from classes due to extended family trips.

**Parents are reminded that office staff cannot call classrooms when class is in session and students cannot be paged. When planning to pick up a student early, please communicate when and where your student should meet their ride.**

## **2. Teacher-Advisors**

The chief work of the teacher-advisor is to supervise the academic program of the advisee. These duties include:

- a.** helping students plan their schedules at the beginning of the year;
- b.** reviewing course selection in order to determine whether students have the proper courses for their grade-level graduation requirements, and their individual interests and abilities;
- c.** monitoring courses that students are taking in locations other than H-B Woodlawn (Career Center and local colleges);
- d.** monitoring student course selections (in conjunction with our Registrar) in terms of adding and dropping courses, advising students when they are adding and dropping courses, and validating parent signatures on add/drop forms;
- e.** assisting the Registrar in updating records;

- f. checking with the advisee's subject teacher regarding academic progress;
- g. coordinating meetings with parents and subject teachers regarding the advisee's progress;
- h. counseling students who are having academic difficulties;
- i. assisting students with the completion of college applications and preparing transcripts and recommendations for advisees;
- j. referring students to Student Services team staff and counselors when there are concerns of a counseling nature.

### 3. **Use of Unscheduled Time (non-class time)**

Students are expected to use their non-class time in a productive manner. Each student's schedule at H-B Woodlawn varies depending on the grade level, courses taken and extracurricular activities. In all cases students have some unscheduled time, increasing from less than one hour a week for sixth and seventh graders to up to several hours on some days for juniors and seniors.

During unscheduled time students may work in the library, seek assistance from a teacher, spend time in the gym or cafeteria or be present anywhere in the building or surrounding grounds. Rules governing when students may leave school grounds during non-class time are found below under section 14 k entitled "Leaving Campus During School Hours."

### 4. **Grades**

H-B Woodlawn adheres to the Arlington grading policy. Teachers will use a grade of + where appropriate. (87-89 = B+, 77-79 = C+, 67-69 = D+). The senior class rank is determined by matching the student's GPA (Grade Point Average) with the identical GPA of the student's home high school senior class. The class rank we report is based on this parallel-ranking system. However, Yorktown High School does not prepare class ranks for seniors.

### 5. **Grade Reporting to Parents**

**This link allows parents to see *ParentVue*:** <http://www.apsva.us/parentaccess>. *ParentVue* gives parents access to student progress reports and grades.

Report cards are sent home via students quarterly. The dates for the report cards are: November 17, February 6, April 18 and June 27. If a parent does not receive a report card, or if there is a question regarding the report card, the parent may call the teacher-advisor or the school administration.

In addition, many students will receive interim reports during the quarters, depending on their grade levels and their academic grades. See the interim report schedules at the end of this handbook. It is the responsibility of the students to show parents interim reports. Parents or students may also request a progress report at any time by contacting the Teacher Advisor or looking on ParentVue. Teachers or teacher advisors may call parents in order to determine if they received the progress report, or to schedule parent conferences.

Middle School parent conferences will take the form of student-led conferences on February 23. Contact your child's TA to schedule individual conferences.

## **6. Textbooks/Library Books**

We ask for student and parent cooperation in returning library materials and textbooks at the appropriate times during the year. Replacing textbooks is very costly. We ask that students either return their books when asked to do so, or pay the price to replace a lost book.

## **7. Lockers and Combinations**

Teacher-advisors are assigned lockers for the students in their advisory groups. When possible, these lockers are near the TA. This means that some students in the TA may share lockers. All of the lockers are designed for two students. We recommend that all students put combination locks on their lockers. This is primarily for their protection. Of particular concern to us at H-B Woodlawn is the security of such items as cell phones, money and expensive clothes brought to school by our students. We discourage students from bringing valuable items to school, unless needed for instructional and learning purposes. If valuable items are brought to school we ask that they be kept secured in locked lockers, rather than left in backpacks outside of lockers or lying around the building.

## **8. Clothing, Name Tags, Lost-and-Found**

Name tags are very helpful in returning lost clothes. Each year we have more than two dozen coats, jackets, and other items of apparel which cannot be identified. Boxes in the cafeteria and the middle school center hall contain "lost items." If your student has lost clothing, please have the student look in the boxes. Twice during the year, unidentified items are taken to a local charity.

## **9. Student Directory**

A student directory is published each year by the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) with the names, addresses, and phone numbers of students. It also contains a list of parents whose surnames differ from their students. If you do not wish parent names, addresses, or phone numbers concerning your student to be printed, please complete the form included in your student's first day packet and return it to the main office by the date indicated on the form. The directory will be printed at the beginning of October, and may be available in secure on-line form by PAC.

## **10. Cafeteria Service**

Our cafeteria will be open for students to purchase snacks at approximately 9:00 a.m. The cost of breakfast will be \$1.60 for students and \$2.55 for adults; lunches will be \$2.90 for students and \$3.55 for adults. An individual purchase of milk is \$0.80. Applications for free/reduced breakfast/lunch are available from Vanessa in the main office. No change in free or reduced lunch prices.

## **11. Communication with Students**

Please communicate your plans with your students before school starts. Should you need to get in touch with your student during school hours, please remember that office staff cannot call classrooms when class is in session and students cannot be paged. Next to the main office there is a message board for student communication. When requested by a parent, office staff will leave a message on the board for their student. Please encourage your student to check the message board from time to time.

Parents are asked not to text their students during class time. This has become more disruptive as more students have cell phones. We ask that students silence their phones when class is in session.

## **12. Certificate for Enrollment for Learner's Driving Permit**

Students need a Certificate of Enrollment in order to obtain a learner's permit. Certificates of Enrollment may be obtained from our Registrar. Please give her a day's notice before picking up the permit. (Driver's Education is not offered at H-B Woodlawn.)

## **13. Transportation**

### **a. Bus Schedules**

At the end of August each student will receive a letter indicating bus routes. Each student is assigned by the Transportation Office to a specific bus route and stops. Parents may call the Transportation Call Center, 703-228-8670, 6:30 am – 9:00 pm. When school opens, the office staff will be able to assist students who are having difficulties determining their bus routes. Buses arrive at school at approximately 9:15 AM and pick up students after school at approximately 4:10 PM. If there is an ongoing problem with your student's bus, please call the main office, or the Transportation Call Center. Note that buses often run a little late the first week or so of school.

### **b. Career Center Bus and "Sports" Bus**

A shuttle bus operates between H-B Woodlawn and the Career Center. In addition, there is a shuttle bus that departs H-B Woodlawn at approximately 3:15 and takes students to their home high schools if they play interscholastic sports. Check with the office for schedules.

### **c. Late activity buses**

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (starting 9/13) there are late "activity" buses for students who stay after school in supervised activities. In order for a student to stay after school, he or she must be involved in a supervised activity like Frisbee, theater, or a club. There are two late buses. Each has stops at either elementary or middle schools. The late bus schedule is included in the bus schedule found online at the H-B webpage or on the schedule sent to parents in the first day packet.

## **14. Parking at H-B Woodlawn for students and staff members**

All students and staff members who drive to school regularly will be asked to complete an HBW car registration form for all vehicles they might park at school. The forms will be distributed to juniors and seniors in the fall, and are available in the main office. This will assist us should there be an issue with a given vehicle (e.g. if someone damages your car, or if there is a parking issue, etc.) No parking stickers are distributed—we just want to have an efficient way to identify vehicles parked at school.

In addition, all drivers should avoid parking off the pavement on grassy areas, or in any designated reserved spaces (Treasurer, Nurse, Handicapped, etc.) Arlington County Police do patrol our lots occasionally and have been known to write parking tickets.

## 15. **A Few Safety Precautions**

### a. **Substance Abuse**

The Arlington School Board prohibits substance abuse, which is the use, possession, sale, dispensing or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol on school property, including school buses, and at school-sponsored or school-supervised activities. Substance abuse also includes any misuse of legal drugs, look-alike drugs, other legal substances and the possession of drug paraphernalia. Violation of the rule on drugs requires an immediate disciplinary action and a recommendation by the principal for expulsion from school. Violation of the rule on alcohol results in disciplinary action, reports to the police and referrals to substance abuse counselors. Criminal proceedings may well be the outcome of a violation of this regulation.

### b. **Weapons**

State law prohibits weapons (including any kind of knife) on school grounds. Possession of a weapon on school grounds requires immediate out-of-school suspension, referral to the police and a possible recommendation for expulsion. Possession of simulated weapons will result in disciplinary action.

### c. **Bullying**

Arlington Public Schools is committed to creating a safe, caring, respectful learning environment for all students. Bullying or harassment of students, including bullying based on an actual or perceived characteristic, such as race; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; gender; sexual orientation; gender identity and expression; or mental, physical or sensory disability is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Students who engage in bullying or harassing behavior will be subject to disciplinary action.

This policy applies to school buildings' school grounds; school-sponsored social events such as trips and sporting events; and to buses and bus stops. Bullying which occurs off of school premises, including misuse or inappropriate use of technology, is also prohibited and subject to school discipline when the order, safety or welfare of the school or its students is affected as a result of such out-of-school actions. Students who experience bullying should tell an adult so that the matter is addressed immediately.

Students who believe that they have been the victim of bullying have the right to file a complaint by talking to school staff. School staff will investigate the matter immediately by collecting information such as the date of the incident, place, witness names and other information about the incident. Parents/guardians of the victims of bullying and the alleged bully will be notified within two days of the incident. The confidentiality of the parties will be protected to the extent possible. Students who are victims of bullying/harassment will be offered counseling services, as appropriate. In addition to disciplinary actions, school staff will offer assistance to students who bully/harass others, including, as appropriate, behavior intervention plans, referrals to multidisciplinary assistance teams, or referrals to counseling services.

### d. **Cell Phones**

If students have cell phones in school, we ask that they remain silent during classes. Students are expected to use good judgment and not text or respond to texts during class time, and should never use their phones for non-school-related tasks.

e. **No-Smoking Rule**

In compliance with School Board policy, H-B Woodlawn does not permit smoking on the school premises. Students who smoke will face disciplinary action. In addition, Arlington County police officers issue citations (fines) to students possessing tobacco products.

f. **Skateboards and Scooters**

While skateboards, roller blades and scooters may be used as transportation to or from school, they may not be used on school property.

g. **Ban on Water Guns and Balloons (possession and use)**

Due to potential danger of injury to staff or students, water guns and water balloons are not permitted on the H-B Woodlawn property. Students in possession of either of the above will be suspended from school.

h. **Dogs on School Property**

Due to the potential of harm or injury, we ask that all members of the HBW community keep their dogs at home. The School Board policy states that dogs are not permitted on school property.

i. **Restricted Areas -- Student Access**

The Auditorium and Black Box is to be restricted to those students who are in drama class, using the stage for rehearsals or attending a production.

j. **Leaving Campus During School Hours**

Students in Grades 6 and 7 have a scheduled lunch time, and may not leave campus at this or any other time during the school day, except under parent or teacher supervision.

Students in Grades 8 through 12 are required to have a parent permission form, completed by their parents and filed in the main office, before they may leave school grounds for lunch or at any other time during the school day. These forms are included in the first day packets. Students will be given permission slips for specific field trips to be completed by parents and returned to school.

We view lunchtime as another opportunity for students to learn to make decisions and abide by the consequences of their actions. Thus, if students leave campus with parental permission during the school day, whether at lunchtime or any other time, we expect them to behave properly and return promptly; students should return to campus in time for their next scheduled class.

## **16. Special Middle School Guidelines**

### **a. Home school sports for sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students**

At H-B Woodlawn high school students can choose 8:20 classes and have a full program by 3:10 thus enabling them to play on home high school teams. This is not the case with the middle school students. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders' schedules usually do not allow for students to participate in the sports programs at their home schools. We encourage students in the middle school at H-B Woodlawn who wish to participate in sports to join community teams.

### **b. Before and after school time for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders**

Middle school students should not come to school early (before 9:00 am) or stay late (after 4:06 pm) unless they are involved in a school activity such as a play, music event, TA activity, or other adult-supervised activity, or unless they have been asked by a teacher to be there for help. HBW does not have an extended day program.

### **c. Phone calls**

Students may use the telephone in the main office for short calls or emergency calls home. Students should not use their cell phones during class (this includes texting).

## **17. Use of Technology**

All school system users are expected to retrieve, evaluate and apply information skills and technological tools in thoughtful, responsible ways. Upon using the computers, staff and students will be given a code of ethics to be followed when using the technology. Violations of the ***Acceptable Use Policy and Code of Ethics*** will result in loss of access, and may result in additional disciplinary actions consistent with existing school system practice and policy (see below).

## **18. Additional Rules and Regulations**

Parents should also review the Arlington Public Schools 2015-2016 Handbook (included in the First Day Packet) for additional APS rules and regulations, including attendance policies.

## **19. Program of Studies**

Each January students receive online access to the H-B Woodlawn **Program of Studies** as part of planning their course selections for the next school year. The **POS** includes course descriptions and graduation requirements.

## **20. College Application Resources**

Parents of high school students are encouraged to review the "College Corner" on the HBW website. Look under "site shortcuts" on the left margin. Contact Fatima Posada-Bellaz, Guidance Secretary, for more information: (703)228-6352 or Fatima.posadabellaz@apsva.us

## 21. **Homework**

Students are given homework in classes in conformance with the APS "Homework Policy." Copies are available in the main office or on the APS website [www.apsva.us](http://www.apsva.us)

## 22. **Independent Trips**

From time to time, students may receive offers to travel to a foreign country or to have other unique experiences (ski trips, etc.) as part of a trip sponsored by some entity other than Arlington Public Schools. Teachers are sometimes asked by tour companies, outside of their school responsibilities, to assist with or lead these trips. Please be aware, that these trips are independently organized. Many families choose to take these opportunities for their students, but unless you receive an Arlington Public School field trip permission form, it is not an APS field trip and the school system does not warrant, sponsor, review or approve any offers or representations made concerning these trips.

## 23. **Clinic (Spanish translation – see below)**

The clinic is open during school hours and is staffed by a clinic aide and nurse from Arlington County Department of Human Services. Students who are ill or injured should come directly to the clinic. Clinic staff will provide first aide/emergency care and will call a parent if the student needs to go home or needs medical care. Please be sure the clinic is kept up to date with changes in contact information for parents and other emergency contacts (including e-mail addresses).

Whenever possible, medications should be administered at home. When a student starts on a new medication, the first dose should be given at home to assess the student's reaction to the medication. Students who need to take **any** medications (prescription or over the counter) during the school day must have an authorization form signed by both the parent and physician on file in the clinic for the current school year. Medications are kept in the clinic. Some students may carry emergency medication if authorized by the physician and parent. Medications and forms should be brought to the clinic by the parent. Medications must be in the original containers, clearly labeled with the student's name, dosage, time of administration, and must match the authorization form.

Parents should notify the clinic of any health issues concerning their child, including health conditions requiring special care or supervision. The clinic should also be notified if a student is diagnosed with a communicable disease (including influenza, strep throat, and chickenpox).

Hearing and vision screenings are done for each 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student as well as all new students. Parents who are concerned about a student's hearing or vision should contact the clinic for a screening.

Students/parents in need of assistance with a physical exam or other medical or dental care should speak with the nurse. Clinic staff can also provide assistance with referrals to other community resources, including application for Medicaid and other insurance programs, mental health services, immunizations, and vision care.

## 20. **La Clínica Escolar**

La clínica es atendida durante el horario escolar por una asistente de enfermería y una enfermera del Departamento de Servicio Sociales del Condado de Arlington. Cualquier alumno enfermo o accidentado puede ir a la clínica. El personal de la clínica darán primeros auxilios y cualquier atención de emergencia necesaria. Se llamará a los padres si es necesario que el alumno regrese a su casa o reciba atención

médica. Por favor asegúrense que la clínica esté informada sobre cualquier cambio que haya en las direcciones o teléfonos de los padres y personas de contacto para casos de emergencia (incluyendo su dirección de correo electrónico).

Si es posible, cada alumno debe tomar sus remedios en la casa. Cuando un alumno comienza a tomar un medicamento Nuevo se prefiere que tome la primera dosis en su casa para poder saber cómo reacciona. Los alumnos que tienen que tomar cualquier clase de medicamentos (recetados o de venta libre) durante el horario escolar deben presentar anualmente a la clínica un formulario de autorización firmado por uno de los padres y por el médico del alumno. Los medicamentos serán guardados en la clínica. Si tienen la autorización de los padres y de su médico, los alumnos pueden tener consigo medicamentos de emergencia. Los padres deben presentar en su envase original y tener una etiqueta que indique claramente el nombre del alumno, la dosis y el horario de administración. La información de la etiqueta debe ser exactamente igual al formulario de autorización.

Los padres deben informar a la clínica sobre cualquier tema relacionado con la salud de sus niños, especialmente sobre cualquier situación que requiera atención especial o supervisión. Además, se debe informar a la clínica si un alumno ha sido diagnosticado con alguna enfermedad contagiosa (*influenza* [*gripe*], amigdalitis estreptocócica [*strep throat*] y varicela [*chicken pox*]).

Se harán exámenes de vista y oído para todos los alumnos de 3º, 7º, y 10º grado y para los todos los alumnos nuevos. Los padres que tengan preocupaciones por la vista o el oído de sus niños deben comunicarse con la clínica para que se les haga un examen.

Los padres y alumnos que necesiten asistencia para un examen médico o cualquier otra clase de atención médica o dental, deben comunicarse con la enfermera. Los empleados de la clínica también pueden darle asistencia a los recursos comunitarios, por ejemplo: solicitudes para *Medicaid* y otros programas de seguro médico, servicios de salud mental, inmunizaciones y cuidado de la visión.

# Graduation Requirements

(Beginning with the Class of 2013-14 school year, students entering Grade 9 are required by the Code of Virginia to successfully complete one virtual course to earn a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma. The course may be a credit or non-credit-bearing course, including make-up or strengthening courses.)

**(for graduation purposes, student groups are defined by their first year in grade nine)**

Discipline Area	Standard Diploma		Advanced Studies Diploma		Modified Standard Diploma for students with disabilities*****
	Credits	# of Verified	Credits	# of Verified	Credits
English	4	2	4	2	4
Mathematics	3 <sup>1</sup>	1	4 <sup>1</sup>	2	3
Laboratory Science	3*	1	4**	2	2
History and Social Sciences	3***	1	4****	2	2*****
Foreign Language, Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education	2 <sup>2</sup>		4 <sup>3</sup>		1 <sup>4</sup>
Health and Physical Education	2		2		2
Economics and Personal Finance	1 <sup>7</sup>		1 <sup>7</sup>		
Electives	4 <sup>5</sup>		3		6 <sup>5</sup>
Additional Verified Credit in Mathematics, Laboratory Science, or History and Social Sciences		1 <sup>6</sup>		1 <sup>6</sup>	0
Virtual Course*****	1		1		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20<sup>a</sup></b>

- \* Courses completed must include offerings from at least two different science disciplines: Earth Space, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.
- \*\* Courses completed must include offerings from at least three different science disciplines: Earth Space, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.
- \*\*\* High School courses completed must include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government and one World History/ Geography course.
- \*\*\*\* Courses completed must include U.S. and Virginia History, U.S. and Virginia Government and two of these courses: World Geography, World History / Geography Part I, World History / Geography Part II, or Advanced Placement European History.
- \*\*\*\*\* US and Virginia History & US and Virginia Government for Modified Standard Diploma
- \*\*\*\*\* For the classes of 2014, 2015, 2016  
Beginning with the class of 2017, the modified diploma will no longer be an option. Eligible students will pursue a standard diploma with credit accommodations to be determined by the State Board of Education.
- \*\*\*\*\* Students shall successfully complete one virtual course, which may be a non-credit bearing course or a required or elective credit-bearing course that is offered online. APS Policy **20.3.200 Alternative Delivery of Instruction** requires that any course taken by a student by a provider other than Arlington Public Schools must be pre-approved for credit by the Registrar prior to a student taking a course for high school credit. High School credit will not be awarded towards graduation requirements without preapproval.
- 3<sup>1</sup>, 4<sup>1</sup> Courses must be at or above the level of Algebra I
- 2<sup>2</sup> Credits earned must include one credit in fine or performing arts or career and technical education
- 4<sup>3</sup> Credits earned must include one credit in fine or performing arts or career and technical education.  
Foreign language courses must be 3 years of one language or 2 years each of two languages.
- 1<sup>4</sup> Course must be in Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education
- 1<sup>7</sup> Beginning class 2015
- 4<sup>5</sup>, 6<sup>5</sup> Courses must include at least two sequential electives
- 1<sup>6</sup> Course is student selected
- 20<sup>a</sup> Students must pass the 8<sup>th</sup> grade SOL Examinations in English and Mathematics or a specified substitute

When students below the 9th grade successfully complete courses offered for credit in grades 9 - 12, credit shall be counted toward meeting the standard units required for graduation provided the courses meet SOL requirements or are equivalent in content and academic rigor to those courses offered at the secondary level, or verified units provided students achieve a passing score on end of course SOL tests. Verified credits signify that the student has passed the end - of - course Standards of Learning test administered for the required course. Standards of Learning end - of - course tests are given for Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Earth Space Science, Biology, Chemistry, World History/Geography Part I, World History/Geography Part II, World Geography, and United States and Virginia History.

# **Grades 6-12 Interim and Report Card Schedule for 2017-2018**

## **First Grading Period: September 5 – November 6, 2017**

Interims to TA	Tuesday, Oct. 11
Interims available	Thursday, Oct. 13
End of grading period	Monday, Nov. 6
Report cards to students	Friday, Nov. 17

## **Second Grading Period: November 8 – January 25, 2018**

Interims to TA	Wednesday, Dec. 14
Interims available	Thursday, December 15
End of grading period	Thursday, January 25
Report cards to students	Tuesday, February 6

## **Third Grading Period: January 29 – April 6, 2018**

Interims to TA	Wednesday, March 8
Interims available	Thursday, March 9
End of grading period	Friday, April 6
Report cards to students	Wednesday, April 18

## **Fourth Grading Period: April 18– June 20, 2018**

Interims to TA	Wednesday, May 18
Interims available	Thursday, May 19
End of grading period	Friday, June 15
Report cards mailed home	Thursday, June 27

## 2017/18 Testing Calendar

GRADES	TEST	DATES
9 – 12 <sup>1</sup>	SOL-Summer: End-of-Course and Grade 8 Tests	September 5 – 15, 2017
9 – 12 <sup>9</sup>	WRS, WISE and other CTE credentialing Pre-tests	September 8 – October 13
2, 3 <sup>7</sup>	Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)	September 18 – 29, 2017
10, 11	PSAT (home school students notify school by 9/15)	October 11, 2017
11, 12 <sup>2</sup>	SOL-Fall: Writing ONLINE	October 16 – November 3, 2017 (1 <sup>st</sup> opportunity for Term Grads-10/16-27)
11, 12 <sup>2</sup>	SOL-Fall: Multiple Choice Writing PAPER Direct Writing/Short Paper	October 16- 17, 2017 October 18 Make-ups through 11/3/17
4, 5 <sup>8</sup>	CogAT	October 26 – November 16, 2017
12 (seniors only)	SOL-Fall Term Grad Writing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Opportunity	November 13 – December 8, 2017
10 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	WISE - Financial Literacy Certification test	January 15-25, 2018 Make-ups 2/5- 2/14
9 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	1st Semester CTE Industry Credentialing	January 8 – 25, 2018
9 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	Workplace Readiness Skills test	December 18-21, 2017 Make-ups 1/8 12&22-25
9 – 12 <sup>2,3</sup>	SOL-Fall: End-of-Course (Non-writing) Tests	January 8 – 31, 2018 Exp Retakes to 2/16
K-12 (LEP w/ WIDA levels 1-5)	ACCESS for ELLs & Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	January 16 – March 16, 2018
8, 11 <sup>4</sup>	SOL-Spring Paper Tests: Multiple Choice Writing Direct Writing/Short Paper	March 5 - 6, 2018 March 7 Make-ups through 3/16/2018
8, 11 <sup>4</sup>	SOL-Spring Online Multiple Choice Writing Direct Writing/Short Paper	March 5 - 22, 2018
12 (seniors only)	SOL-Term Grad Online 2 <sup>nd</sup> attempt for Term Grads	April 9 – 27, 2018
9 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	CTE Spring Industry Credentialing	March 19- 23, 2018
12 (seniors only)	SOL-Term Grad Spring: End-of-Course	April 16 – May 4, 2018
9-12 (Wash Lee only)	IB (International Baccalaureate) tests	April 27 – May 18, 2018
9-12	AP (home school students notify school by 3/1)	May 7-18, 2018
9 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	CTE Spring Industry Credentialing or Retakes	May 1-11, 2018
12 (seniors only)	CTE Spring Industry Credentialing	May 21 – 25, 2018
3 – 5	SOL-Spring: Reading, Mathematics, Science, and History/Social Studies	May 14– June 15, 2018
6 – 8	SOL-Spring: Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Civics & Economics and End-of-Course Tests	May 14 – June 15, 2018
9 – 12 <sup>4,3</sup>	SOL-Spring: End-of-Course Tests HS late arrival dates: May 29 – June 1	May 7 – June 8, 2018
9 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	CTE Spring Industry Credentialing or Retakes	June 4-13, 2018
11, 12	SOL-Summer: Writing ONLINE	July 9 – 13, 2018
11, 12 <sup>6</sup>	SOL-Summer: Writing PAPER	July 9 – 13, 2018
10 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	WISE Posttest: Virtual EPF Industry Credentialing	July 9 – 13, 2018
9 – 12 <sup>5,3</sup>	SOL-Summer: End-of-Course Tests	August 2-10, 2018
10 - 12 <sup>9</sup>	WISE Retakes: Virtual EPF Industry Credentialing	July 16 - August 24, 2018

<sup>1</sup> This retest window is for (1) students who failed an EOC test during spring or summer school SOL testing and (2) newly enrolled students who are trying to obtain a verified credit for courses they took outside Arlington Public Schools.

<sup>2</sup> The Fall EOC administration is for students, regardless of grade level, enrolled in courses they will complete at the end of the fall semester (primarily students in Continuation Programs). Testing is optional for students who previously failed an EOC test.

<sup>3</sup> Modified Standard Diploma (MSD) candidates may retake Grade 8 Reading or Mathematics tests that they previously failed.

<sup>4</sup> The Spring administration is mandatory for students who will complete a course at the end of the spring semester. Testing is optional for all students who desire to retake an EOC SOL test that they previously failed.

<sup>5</sup> The Summer EOC administration is only for students enrolled in Summer School or students enrolling in APS from outside our division.

<sup>6</sup> Only special education students who qualify with a specific need may take the test on paper.

<sup>7</sup> Includes newly enrolled Grade 3 students and students who missed taking this test last year.

<sup>8</sup> Includes newly enrolled Grade 5 students and students who missed taking this test last year.

<sup>9</sup> For students enrolled in applicable Career and Technical Education (CTE) course

## 2017/18 Testing Calendar by Grade

GRADE	TESTS	DATES
K – 12 (ELL)	ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Proficiency Test)*	January 16 – March 16, 2018
2	Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)	September 18 – 29, 2017
3	Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) (new students or those who missed taking the test last year)	September 18 – 29, 2017
	SOL Assessments: Reading, Math	May 14– June 15, 2018
4	COGAT	October 26 – November 16, 2017
	SOL Assessments: Reading, Math, Virginia Studies	May 14– June 15, 2018
5	COGAT (new students or those who missed taking test last year)	October 23 – November 17, 2017
	SOL Assessments: Reading, Math, Science	May 14– June 15, 2018
6	SOL Assessment: Reading, Math	May 14 – June 15, 2018
7	SOL Assessment: Reading, Math, Civics & Economics	May 14 – June 15, 2018
8	SOL Assessment: Writing <b>Paper Online</b>	<b>Paper Tests March 5-6, (Short Paper 3/7)</b> March 5 - 23, 2018
	SOL Assessments: Reading, Math, Science, EOC	May 14 – June 15, 2018
9 – 12	SOL End-of-Course & Grade 8 Tests (Summer retakes) <sup>1</sup>	<b>Summer Retakes:</b> September 5 – 15, 2017
	CTE Industry Credentialing Pretests	September 8 – October 13, 2017
	1st Semester CTE Credentialing tests	January 8-25, 2018
	WRS tests	December 8-21 Makeups 1/8 -12 & 22-25
	SOL End-of-Course Assessments (Fall) <sup>2,3</sup>	<b>Fall:</b> January 8 – 31, 2018
	CTE Spring Credentialing	March 19-23, 2018
	IB (International Baccalaureate) tests (Washington Lee only)	April 27 – May 18, 2018
	AP (home school students notify school by 3/1)	May 7-18, 2018
	CTE Spring Credentialing or Retakes	May 1-11, 2018
	SOL End-of-Course & Grade 8 Tests (Spring) <sup>4</sup>	<b>Spring:</b> May 7 – June 86, 2018
	CTE Spring Industry Credentialing or Retakes	May 1-11, 2018
	WISE Pretest: Virtual EPF Industry Credentialing	July 9-13, 2018
	WISE Posttest: Virtual EPF Industry Credentialing	July 16 - August 24
	SOL End-of-Course Assessments (Summer) <sup>3,5</sup>	<b>Summer</b> August 2 – 10, 2018
WISE Retakes: Virtual EPF Industry Credentialing	July 16 - August 24, 2018	
10 – 12	WISE Fall - Financial Literacy Certification test	January 15-25 <i>Make-ups 1/5-14</i>
10, 11	PSAT (home school students notify school by 9/15)	October 11, 2017
11 & 12	SOL Assessment: Writing <sup>2</sup> <b>Online Paper</b> Multiple Choice Direct Writing/Short Paper <b>Online:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> attempt for Seniors	October 16 – November 3, 2017 October 16 - 17, 2017 October 18( <i>Make-ups through Nov. 3</i> ) <b>Term Grad 2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt</b> Nov. 13– Dec. 8, 2017
	SOL Assessment: Writing <sup>4</sup> Multiple Choice ( <b>Paper Tests only</b> ) Direct Writing/Short Paper ( <b>Paper Tests only</b> ) <b>Online</b> Multiple Choice & Short Paper <b>Online</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> attempt for Seniors	March 5-6, 2018 March 7 March 5 - 23, 2018 <i>April 9-27, 2018</i>
	SOL Assessment: Writing <sup>5</sup> <b>Online Paper</b>	<b>Summer (2018)</b> July 9 - 13, 2018 July 9 - 13, 2018
12 ( <i>seniors only</i> )	SOL-Term Grad: End-of-Course	<b>Spring</b> April 16 – May 4, 2018
	CTE Spring Industry Credentialing	May 21 – 25, 2018

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<sup>2</sup> The Fall EOC administration is for students, regardless of grade level, enrolled in courses they will complete at the end of the fall semester (primarily students in Continuation Programs). Testing is optional for students who previously failed an EOC test.

<sup>3</sup> Modified Standard Diploma (MSD) candidates may retake Grade 8 Reading or Mathematics tests that they previously failed.

<sup>4</sup> The Spring administration is mandatory for students who will complete a course at the end of the spring semester. Testing is optional for all students who desire to retake an EOC SOL test that they previously failed.

<sup>5</sup> The Summer EOC administrations are for students enrolled in summer school or students enrolling in Arlington Public Schools from outside our division. Testing is not available to students who want to retake a test they previously failed unless they plan to graduate in August, 2018.

## **SAT 2017-2018 Testing Schedule**

SAT Date	Test	Registration Deadline
August 26, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	October 25, 2017
November 4, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	SAT only	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	SAT & Subject Tests	May 23, 2018

## **ACT 2017-2018 Testing Schedule**

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	Aug 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept 23-Oct 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2017	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

# AP Exam Schedule 2018

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>Afternoon Session</b>
Monday, May 7	-Chemistry -Spanish Literature and Culture	-Psychology
Tuesday, May 8	-Seminar -Spanish Language and Culture	-Art History -Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Wednesday, May 9	-English Literature and Composition	-Japanese Language and Culture -Physics 2: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 10	-United States Government and Politics	-Chinese Language and Culture - Environmental Science
Friday, May 11 *	-German Language and Culture -United States History	-Computer Science Principles

\* Studio Art- Last day for Coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly. Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to Coordinators before this date.

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>Afternoon Session</b>
Monday, May 14	-Biology -Music Theory	-Physics C Mechanics -Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism (2PM)
Tuesday, May 15	-Calculus AB -Calculus BC	-French Language and Culture -Computer Science A
Wednesday, May 16	-English Language and Composition	-Italian Language and Culture -Macroeconomics
Thursday, May 17	-Comparative Government & Politics -World History	-Statistics
Friday, May 18	-Human Geography -Microeconomics	-European History -Latin

# **CALENDAR DATES RELATED TO ALLOCATION**

## **New Course, Allocation and Master Schedule Calendar**

<b>11/14/17</b>	<b>Application to Town Meeting for new Courses or changes to Program of Studies</b>
<b>12/15/17</b>	<b>Last day for Program of Studies changes</b>
<b>1/19/18</b>	<b>Program of Studies published</b>
<b>2/8/18</b>	<b>TA's meet students to do course selection for 2016-17</b>
<b>3/15/18</b>	<b>1:30 pm – Departments meet re: Allocation planning</b>
<b>4/19/18</b>	<b>1:30 pm – Allocation Meeting (early release)</b>
<b>4/24/18</b>	<b>Town Meeting Allocation Vote – (Tuesday)</b>
<b>4/30/18–6/1/18</b>	<b>Master Schedule development</b>
<b>6/7/18</b>	<b>Arena Scheduling</b>

## **H-B WOODLAWN TECHNOLOGY CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Do's...**

1. Use all technology responsibly.
2. Use school facilities and electronic resources for school-related instructional activities only.
3. Use only the assigned network login, network and Internet access provided by and filtered by APS while on school property.
4. Conserve resources including but not limited to file storage space, bandwidth, online time, toner, and paper.
5. Respect the integrity of the network system. Enter only authorized systems and do not attempt to circumvent or subvert system security measures including circumventing the APS firewall.
6. Respect intellectual property and copyright laws.
7. Protect yourself when using the Internet. Report any incidents of cyber bullying such as personal attacks and threats to you, others or to school property immediately.
8. Report any pornographic or offensive materials, and all suspected computer viruses and other problems immediately.
9. Understand that any messages or files saved on, sent from, accessed, or received on APS equipment are subject to inspection.

### **Don'ts...**

1. Do not give your password to others or use someone else's password, or leave a computer without logging out.
2. Do not damage hardware, electronic systems, or networks, or attempt to \*hack\* or gain unauthorized access to other computers, networks, or information systems.
3. Do not tamper with or alter the system in any way that disrupts the network, including installing, copying, or downloading files including freeware or adware without authorization.
4. Do not download from the Internet, or bring on CDs, DVDs, or USB devices, any applications, video or games to use on school computers.
5. Do not connect any non-school-division-owned device to any part of the APS network without authorization. Storage devices (e.g., memory sticks, digital cameras) used for instructional purposes are an exception.
6. Do not disable filtering software or use websites or other technologies to get around the filtering system.
7. Do not disclose personal information to or agree to meet anyone you have met only via the Internet.
8. Do not use APS computer equipment and communication services to view, send, display, or download illegal, inappropriate, obscene or offensive materials.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

Failure to follow these expectations will result in suspension of computer access and privileges and other disciplinary measures including suspension from school and/or criminal prosecution.

APS is not responsible for student use of electronic technology resources outside of school; however, students may be disciplined for any technology use that negatively affects APS or that negatively affects another student or staff member.

*These code of ethics are adapted from the full text Acceptable Use Policy, PIP 45-2.1  
May 24, 2007*

# 2017-2018 Holiday Calendar

This calendar of religious, national and community holidays has been prepared by the JCRC to assist community institutions in planning their activities. Educators are reminded that students must be given excused absences to meet religious obligations and that reasonable accommodations must be made for students to make up missed work. Please be sensitive about scheduling events so that students and employees do not miss significant activities and opportunities due to religious observance. For a more comprehensive list of Jewish holidays, please consult Hebcad Jewish Calendar at [www.hebcad.com](http://www.hebcad.com). Electronic copies of this calendar can be found at [www.jcouncil.org/2017-2018HolidayCalendar](http://www.jcouncil.org/2017-2018HolidayCalendar)

All Jewish holidays begin shortly BEFORE SUNSET on the eve of the day indicated on this calendar and end approximately one hour after sunset. Baha'i and Islamic festivals are also observed sunset to sunset. Similarly, SHABBAT, the Jewish Sabbath, which commemorates the day God rested after the creation of the universe, begins shortly before sunset on Friday. On Shabbat, Jews have a traditional obligation to refrain from "creating," such as writing, driving,

## September 2017

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

**September 1-4, Eid al-Adha:** A four day Muslim commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to offer up his son as an act of obedience to Allah. Begins sunset August 30.

**September 4, Labor Day:** National tribute to the contributions of workers. Legal holiday; all schools closed.

**September 21, Navaratri:** The first day of a 10 day Hindu festival celebrating the feminine form of the divine.

♦ **September 21-22, Rosh Ha'Shanah:** The Jewish New Year, 5778, ushers in a ten day period of reflection and reconciliation. Begins sunset September 20.

**September 22, First Day of Muharram:** The Muslim New Year and beginning of a month of mourning and peace.

♦ **September 30, Yom Kippur:** The most solemn day on the Jewish calendar, this Day of Atonement is a time for Jews to repair their relationships with God and their fellow human beings. Begins sunset September 29.

## October 2017

♦ **October 5-6, Sukkot:** First two days of a week long festival commemorating the Israelites' 40 year period in the wilderness and the fall harvest. Many Jews today eat and sometimes sleep in temporary dwellings called sukkot in observance of the biblical ordinance. Begins sunset October 4.

**October 9, Columbus Day:** Remembers Columbus' arrival in the Americas. Legal holiday; some schools closed.

♦ **October 12, Shmini Atzeret:** A biblically ordained gathering following and celebrating the end of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Begins sunset October 11.

♦ **October 13, Simchat Torah:** Marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of reading the Hebrew Bible (or "Torah") and the start of a new cycle. Begins sunset October 12.

**October 19, Diwali:** A festival of lights observed by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains.

♦ **October 20, Birth of the Bab:** Commemorates the 1819 birth of the Bab, the herald of the Baha'i faith; work is suspended.

## November 2017

### Native American Heritage Month

**November 1, All Saints' Day:** A solemn Christian holiday honoring all the saints.

**November 4, Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday:** Celebrates the birth of the first Sikh teacher in 1469 CE.

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**November 11, Veterans Day:** A celebration of America's veterans.

**November 23, Thanksgiving Day:** A national day of gratitude.

Legal holiday; all schools closed.

**November 24, Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur Sahib:** Martyrdom day of Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib, ninth guru of the Sikhs.

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## December 2017

**December 1, The Prophet's Birthday:** Muslim holiday marking Muhammed's birthday

**December 3, First Sunday of Advent:** Marked by church services of joyful anticipation, first of four Sundays before Christmas.

**December 13-20, Hanukkah:** Jewish celebration of the rededication of the Temple in 164 BCE. Begins sunset December 12.

**December 25, Christmas:** Christian holy day marking the birth of Jesus. Legal holiday; all schools closed.

**December 26, Kwanzaa:** Marks the beginning of a week long celebration emphasizing basic values of African culture, including family and community.

## January 2018

**January 1, New Years Day and Shinto New Year (Gantan-sai):** Celebrates secular and Shinto New Year. Legal holiday; all schools closed.

**January 6, Epiphany:** A Christian commemoration of the day the three wise men visited infant Jesus and Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

**January 7, Nativity of Christ/Feast of Nativity:** Orthodox Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus.

**January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** A holiday devoted to national and community service, in memory of the African-American civil rights leader. Legal holiday; some schools closed.

**January 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust:** Established by the UN in addition to the spring Holocaust Remembrance set by the Jewish calendar.

**January 31, Tu B'Shvat:** Jewish Arbor Day, New Year for trees. Begins sunset January 30.

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## February 2018

### Black History Month

**February 3, Setsubun:** Shinto celebration of the change of seasons.

**February 14, Valentine's Day:** Created to honor the martyred St. Valentine; evolved into a day to celebrate love and romance.

**February 14, Ash Wednesday:** First day of Lent on the Christian calendar. Name derives from symbolic use of ashes to signify penitence.

**February 16, Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist New Year:** Year of the

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♦ Denotes a holiday on which there is a traditional obligation to refrain from many activities. In addition, Jews may be fasting on the following minor holiday dates: Sept. 24, Dec. 28, 2017 and Feb. 28, Mar. 30, Jul. 1, 2018.

# March 2018

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## Women's History Month

### Irish-American Heritage Month

**March 1, Holi Festival:** Holi is a Hindu festival celebrated in India and Nepal, also known as the "festival of colours" or the "festival of love".

♦**March 2-20, Nineteen Day Fast:** The last month of the Baha'i calendar is recognized with a 19 day fast.

**March 11, Purim:** The day the Jewish people were saved from a massacre in ancient Persia; traditionally celebrated with giving money to the poor, gifts to friends, and reading the book of Esther. Begins sunset March 10.

**March 17, St. Patrick's Day:** Feast day for the saint who brought Christianity to Ireland.

♦**March 21, Naw Ruz/Norouz:** New Year on the Baha'i, Zoroastrian, and Persian calendars.

**March 25, Palm Sunday:** Commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and ushers in Holy Week.

**March 29, Maundy Thursday:** The day of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist.

**March 30, Good Friday:** A solemn observance of the crucifixion of Jesus.

**March 31, Magha Puja Day:** Celebrates a gathering of holy men to hear Buddha's teachings.

♦**March 31-April 7, Passover:** An eight day celebration of the Jews' Exodus from Egypt. Many Jews adhere to strict dietary guidelines and refrain from work on the first two and last two days. Begins sunset March 30.

# April 2018

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## Arab-American History Month

**April 1, Easter Sunday/Orthodox Easter Sunday:** Christian holy day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.

♦**April 3, Maharir Jayanti:** Celebrates the birth of the last Jain Tirthankara (or most holy), may fall on different days in different Jain traditions.

**April 12, Yom Ha'Shoah:** A day of Holocaust remembrance. Begins sunset April 11.

**April 13, Isra and Mi'raj:** Commemorates Muhammed's journey from Mecca to Jerusalem.

**April 14, Baisakhi:** Hindu/Sikh New Year for North India.

**April 18, Yom Ha'Zikaron:** A memorial day for those who lost their lives fighting for Israel. Begins sunset April 17.

**April 19, Yom Ha'Atzmaut:** A celebration of the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. Begins sunset April 18.

♦**April 21-May 2 Festival of Ridvan:** Marks the 12 days Baha'i founder Baha'u'llah resided in the garden "Ridvan" and declared his mission for God. Work is suspended on April 21, April 29 and May 2.

**April 29, Vesak/Visakha Puja:** A commemoration of the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha. Also known as "Buddha Day," may fall on different days in different Buddhist traditions.

# May 2018

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## Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

### Jewish American Heritage Month

**May 3, Lag B'Omer:** On this day, practices traditionally banned between Passover and Shavuot are permitted.

Begins sunset May 2.

**May 5, Cinco de Mayo:** Celebrates the victory of Mexican forces over a much larger French army at the Battle of Puebla.

**May 10, Ascension Day:** A Christian holiday marking Jesus' ascent to heaven 40 days after his Easter resurrection. In the U.S. it is often recognized on the Sunday following its Thursday date.

**May 13, Mother's Day:** A celebration of motherhood, maternal bonds

and the influence of mothers in society.

**May 13, Yom Yerushalayim:** Israeli commemoration of the 1967 reunification of Jerusalem. Begins sunset May 12.

♦**May 16-June 15, Ramadan:** A month long commemoration of Muhammed's divine revelation, observed with fasting during daylight hours. Begins sundown May 15.

**May 20, Pentecost:** Christian holiday commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles 50 days after Easter.

♦**May 20-21, Shavuot:** Celebration of the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. Begins sunset May 19.

♦**May 23, Declaration of the Bab:** Commemorates the date in 1844 when the Bab announced his role as messenger of God. Work is suspended.

**May 28, Memorial Day:** Day of remembrance for those who died in service to the United States. Legal holiday; all schools closed.

# June 2018

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## LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

**June 11, Lailat al-Qadr:** Commemorates when the Qu'ran was revealed to Muhammed.

**June 14, Flag Day:** Celebrates adoption of the U.S. national flag.

**June 15-17, Eid al-Fitr:** A three day Islamic celebration marking the end of Ramadan.

**June 17, Father's Day:** A celebration of fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society.

**June 19, Juneteenth:** A celebration of African-American contributions and the end of slavery in the United States.

# July 2018

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**July 4, Independence Day:** Celebrates the adoption in 1776 of the United States' Declaration of Independence. Legal holiday; all schools closed.

♦**July 9, Martyrdom of the Bab:** A Baha'i remembrance of the execution of Savvid Ali Mohammed in 1850; work is suspended.

**July 13-15, Obon:** A three day Japanese Buddhist festival to honor deceased ancestors.

♦**July 22, Tisha B'Av:** A twenty-five hour Jewish fast day marking the date on which both the First and Second Temples were destroyed. Begins sunset July 21.

**July 24, Pioneer Day:** Celebrates the arrival of the first Mormon pioneer settlers into the Salt Lake Valley.

# August 2018

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**August 22-25, Eid al-Adha:** A four day Muslim commemoration of Ibrahim's willingness to offer up his son as an act of obedience to Allah. Begins sunset August 21.

## Two-Year Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 10-11	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Yom Kippur	Sept. 19	Oct. 9
Sukkot	Sept. 24-25	Oct. 14-15
Shemini Atzeret	Oct. 1	Oct. 21
Simchat Torah	Oct. 2	Oct. 22
Passover	Apr. 20-21	Apr. 9-10
Passover (final days)	Apr. 26-27	Apr. 15-16
Shavuot	Jun. 9-10	May 29-30

