

BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GCCBBA - RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS

As a diverse and vibrant community, Braintree recognizes the many religions and religious holidays our families celebrate each year. Certain religious holy days may occur during the school calendar, and the district seeks to provide the respectful environment that these holidays deserve. As such, the Braintree School Committee, BPS administration, and faculty will, to the extent possible, maintain school calendars that avoid scheduling district, school and classroom activities (meetings, field trips, tests, special events, etc.) that may conflict with students' religious holy day observances.

To minimize the effect on academic performance that student observance of important religious holy days may cause, the following policy applies:

- Teachers will not give tests, quizzes, or have programs that would place absent pupils at a disadvantage on the listed religious holy days.
- Teachers shall not announce forthcoming tests or quizzes on religious holy days or conduct reviews for tests or quizzes on those days. Tests or quizzes shall not be administered on the day following a religious holy day unless a notification has been given at least four (4) school days in advance of the religious holy day.
- Teachers shall be provided, by principals, a list of these holy days prior to the start of the school year. This list may be amended during the year as needed, but teachers will be informed of any such change at least two weeks before an added religious day.
- Students whose religious beliefs necessitate absence from school for a particular holy day will be allowed excused absences upon receipt of a note from the parent or guardian.

Adopted by School Committee 8-12-2019

