Non-exhaustive List of Religious Holidays/Holy Days (2024)

House Bill 353 of the **134th General Assembly** directed the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) to develop a non-exhaustive list of major religious holidays or festivals for the next two academic years at the beginning of each academic year. Each state institution of higher education may adopt ODHE's list in its entirety, or choose instead which holidays to include on its list. As required by the statute, the list of major religious holidays and festivals included herein is non-exhaustive and is not intended to purposefully exclude any religious holidays or festivals. This list is meant to serve solely as a resource for state institutions of higher education to utilize, at their discretion, in adopting a list on their websites.

Judaism
Tu BiShvat
Purim
Yom HaShoah
Lag B'Omer
Pesach (Passover)
Yom HaSho'ah
Yom Ha'Azmaut
Shavuot
Tisha B'Av
Rosh Hashanah
Yom Kippur
Sukkot
Shemini
Simchat Torah
Hanukkah

Christianity
Feast of Mary Mother of God
Christmas – Eastern Orthodox
Epiphany
Ash Wednesday
Lent
Orthodox Lent
Feast of the Annunciation
Palm Sunday
Holy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter
Pascha/Easter (Eastern Orthodox)
Feast of the Ascension
Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Corpus Christi Sunday
Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola
Feast of the Assumption of Mary
All Saints Day
All Souls Day
Dia de los Muertos
Feast of Christ the King
Advent Season
Feast of St. Francis Xavier
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Christmas

Islam
Sabe-Miraj or Lailatul Me'raj
Sabe Barat
Ramadan
Lailatul Qadr
Eid al-Fitr
Day of Arafa/Haj/Waqf of Arafa
Eid-ul Adha
Islamic New Year
Ashura
Mawlid-al-Nabi

Hinduism
Maha Shivaratri
Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti
Holi
Rama Navami
Mahavir-Jayanti
Raksha Bandhan
Krishna Janmashtami
Navaratri
Diwali

Buddhism
Bodhi Day
Lunar New Year
Magha Puja Day
Vesak
Buddha Day/Visakha Puja
Diwali

Sikh
Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib
Mahavir-Jayanti
Vaisakhi
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
Diwali
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib
Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib

Bahá'í
'Alá' (Loftiness)
Naw-Rúz
Ridván
Declaration of the Bab
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
Martyrdom of the Bab
Birth of the Bab
Birth of Baháúllah
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Shinto
Gantan-sai
Setsubum-sai

Other
Kwanzaa
Lunar New Year

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