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OBSERVANCES OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
PERSONAL OBSERVANCES OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

The Natick Public Schools shall excuse students from school attendance and extra-curricular activities for personal observances of religious holidays occurring on dates when school is in session. Students will not be penalized for such absences.

When students miss assignments, tests or other schoolwork due to such excused absences, they shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to make up their schoolwork in a timely manner.

The above paragraphs will pertain to all personal religious observances, regardless of the inclusion of major religious holidays on the school calendar.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ON SCHOOL CALENDAR

Major religious holidays where school is in session and where school is closed shall be outlined in the Natick Public Schools calendar as voted by the Natick School Committee.

No major assignments nor assessments will be required for any student during the observance of any major religious holiday, including the day following such religious observance.

Guidelines for Observances of Religious Holidays will be published in each school's student handbook.

Students or their parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers in advance of such absences.

No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because they have availed themselves of the provisions of this policy.

Adopted by the Natick School Committee –

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