



Shrewsbury Public Schools
“No Homework” Calendar
2023-2024 School Year
DRAFT OF PROPOSED DATES

- The Shrewsbury Public Schools (SPS) [homework policy](#) states: “It is a shared responsibility between home and school to ensure that students have balance in their lives while pursuing educational excellence.”
- In an effort to promote that balance, the homework policy requires that “...the district will implement a ‘no homework’ calendar that specifies times when homework will not be assigned.” The School Committee has voted to approve the dates listed below as “no homework” dates for all SPS students during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Some of the “no homework” dates correspond with major religious holidays where many SPS students will have religious obligations, but it is important to note that all students will not be assigned homework on these dates.
- In addition to these dates, whenever a student is not available due to participating in a religious obligation in the evening or causing them to be absent from school on *any* date, the student will be provided with the opportunity to make up missed homework and classwork without penalty, per School Committee policy and state law.

“No Homework” Period 2023-2024	Effective Dates
Rosh Hashanah Begins the evening of Friday, September 15	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, September 18
Yom Kippur Begins the evening of Sunday, September 24	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, September 25
Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples’ Day Monday, October 9	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Tuesday, October 10

Veterans Day Saturday, November 11 (Observed Friday, November 10)	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, November 13
Diwali Sunday, November 12	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, November 13
Thanksgiving Break Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, November 27
December Break Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Tuesday, January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 15	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Tuesday, January 16
Lunar New Year Saturday, February 10	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, February 12
February Vacation Monday, February 19 - Friday, February 23	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, February 26
Ramadan Begins Begins the evening of Monday, March 11* *This date may be adjusted later by one day, depending on official declaration of the start of Ramadan	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Tuesday, March 12* *This date may be adjusted later by one day, depending on official declaration of the start of Ramadan
Good Friday & Easter Friday, March 29 Sunday, March 31	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, April 1
Eid al-Fitr Begins the evening of Tuesday, April 9*	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Wednesday, April 10*

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April Vacation Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, April 22
Passover Begins the evening of Monday, April 22	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Tuesday, April 23
Memorial Day Monday, May 27	No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Tuesday, May 28

The dates above represent 15 school days when no homework is due and no assessments requiring studying will be given, which represents 8% of the 180 total days of school.

The dates above represent 15 “no homework weekends,” which represents 33% of the 45 total weekends during the school year.