



Recommended “No Homework” Dates 2023-2024 School Year

June 14, 2023

SPS Homework Policy

- Updated this past April
- Key guiding principle:

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- Policy requirement:

The district will implement a ‘no homework’ calendar that specifies times when homework will not be assigned.

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- *Some* of the proposed “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
- These dates have the dual benefits of providing opportunities for family time or other responsibilities for all, while accommodating students who are not available for homework for religious reasons

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- In addition to “no homework” 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

Recommended “No Homework” Dates 2023-2024

- 15 dates recommended where homework will not be due and where assessments requiring studying will not be given
- 15 days out of 180 total school days = 8%
- As part of this, 15 weekends will be “no homework weekends”
- 15 weekends out of 45 total weekends = 33%

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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

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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

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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

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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

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<p>Eid al-Fitr</p> <p>Begins the evening of Tuesday, April 9*</p> <p>*This date may be adjusted later by one day, depending on official declaration of the start of Eid al-Fitr</p>	<p>No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Wednesday, April 10*</p> <p>*This date may be adjusted later by one day, depending on official declaration of the start of Eid al-Fitr</p>
<p>April Vacation</p> <p>Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19</p>	<p>No homework due or assessments requiring studying held on Monday, April 22</p>

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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

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DRAFT 2023-2024 "NO HOMEWORK" CALENDAR

Dates in **BLUE** are weekdays when school is not in session.

Dates in **RED** are days when no homework is due and no assessments requiring studying will be held

August 29: First day of school

AUGUST 2023						
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FEBRUARY 2024						
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SEPTEMBER 2023						
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OCTOBER 2023						
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APRIL 2024						
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MAY 2024						
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DECEMBER 2023						
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JUNE 2024						
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JANUARY 2024						
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June 12: Last scheduled day of school

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