

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.

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Lunar New Year (*Jan. 29, 2025*)
Magha Puja Day (*Feb. 12, 2025*)
Buddha Day/Visakha Puja (*May 11, 2025*)
Vesak (*May 12, 2025*)

Sikh

Diwali (*Nov. 1, 2024*)
Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (*Nov. 15, 2024*)
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (*Nov. 24, 2024*)
Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (*Jan. 6, 2025*)
Mahavir-Jayanti (*April 10, 2025*)
Vaisakhi (*April 13, 2025*)
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (*June 16, 2025*)

Bahá í

Birth of the Bab (*Oct. 20, 2024*)
Birth of Bahauallah (*Nov. 12, 2024*)
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha (*Nov. 26-27, 2024*)
'Alá' (Loftiness) (*March 1, 2025*)
Naw-Ruz (*March 21, 2025*)
Ridvan (*April 21, 2025*)
Declaration of the Bab (*May 22, 2025*)
Ascension of Baha'u'llah (*May 28, 2025*)
Martyrdom of the Bab (*June 16, 2025*)

Shinto

Gantan-sai (*Jan. 1, 2025*)
Setsubum-sai (*Feb. 3, 2025*)

Other

Kwanzaa (*Dec. 26, 2024-Jan. 1, 2025*)