



IDENTITY & HERITAGE CALENDAR

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

As part of our commitment to inclusion and awareness, District 97 is proud to recognize heritage months and identity acknowledgments throughout the year. This calendar was developed collaboratively with community input and reflects our effort to honor all student groups. While it may not be exhaustive, we welcome additions and review it annually to ensure continued representation.

07

JULY
2026

Disability Pride Month

South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM)
(July 18–August 17)



01

JAN
2027

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)



08

AUG
2026

South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM)
(July 18–August 17)



02

FEB
2027

Black History Month



09

SEPT
2026

Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month
(September 15–October 15)



03

MAR
2027

Women's History Month

March 8: International Women's Day
March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility



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OCT
2026

Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month
(September 15–October 15)

LGBTQ+ History Month

Oct. 12: National Coming Out Day

Oct. 12: Indigenous Peoples' Day (No school)



04

APR
2027

Arab American Heritage Month



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NOV
2026

Native American Heritage Month



05

MAY
2027

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

Mental Health Awareness Month



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DEC
2026

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**There are 13 disability categories that qualify for special education services in D97, including autism.*

In an effort to be inclusive of all, we recognize disability more broadly in July and December.



06

JUNE
2027

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

June 19: Juneteenth Holiday
(District closed June 18)



Religious Observances

District 97 recognizes the importance of religious observances in our community. Please reference [this multifaith calendar](#) when planning school events to avoid conflicts with major holidays. Families are encouraged to reach out to their school so we can partner to support student needs (e.g., fasting, prayer, or absences).