



To: RISD FACULTY AND STAFF

From: Lauren Bowen, Vice President for Human Resources

Subject: 2026-2027 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

I am pleased to announce the holiday schedule for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. This schedule should enable everyone to plan in advance for your time off and ensure that all College operations are running smoothly.

The following is the 2026-2027 Holiday Schedule:

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>CELEBRATED</u>
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2026
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
Indigenous People's Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2026
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026
Flexible Winter Holiday*	Monday, December 28, 2026
Deferred Veterans' Day (November 11)*	Tuesday, December 29, 2026
Additional Winter Holiday	Wednesday, December 30, 2026
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2026
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2027
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 18, 2027
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2027
Juneteenth	Friday, June 18, 2027

*To accomplish the annual closing during winter break, two of our standard holidays will be deferred and observed in December and an additional winter holiday has been added to support the closure during the full week of December 28.

Various operations of the college will require some modifications to the above schedule and managers will be working with their respective staff members to announce an appropriate schedule. I hope your time off provides you with opportunities to relax and connect with those important to you.

Holidays for bargaining unit employees will follow their collective bargaining agreement.