



**This year, Eid al-Adha falls on July 20th.**

# **Three Ways Educators Can Support Students Celebrating Eid al-Adha**

## **FLI's Quick Guide for Antiracist Educators**



**More than half of U.S. public school students report that they often see students wearing religious clothing or jewelry\*, yet many students and teachers don't know how to acknowledge or respect Muslim holidays.**  
**\*2019 Pew Research Study**

**SOURCE: "Eid Al-Adha | All About the Holidays" by PBS Learning Media July 2021**

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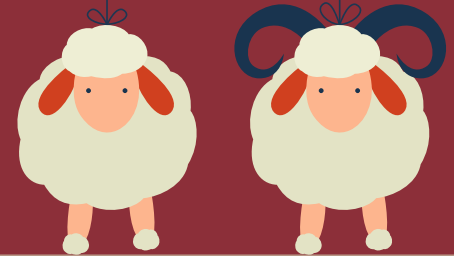


# What is Eid al-Adha?



Eid al-Adha (eed al-ud'ha) is also known as the "Festival of the Sacrifice."

This holiday marks the end of the Hajj, which is the holy pilgrimage that some Muslims take to Mecca.



The holiday commemorates the willingness of the Prophet Abraham to make a sacrifice. Muslims all over the world honor this by sacrificing lambs and making charity donations. Many students honor the holiday by praying, spending time with families, and exchanging gifts.

Eid al-Adha is a special time for Muslim students, but the holiday is often not recognized in the classroom.

# **LISTEN TO YOUR STUDENTS — ASK WHAT THEY NEED**



**FLI's Special Projects Intern Sarah, 3rd Year Student at Brown University shares her experience:**



**"Growing up, it felt so validating to hear teachers acknowledge my holiday. I felt included and seen. Now, I watch my mother get excited to share her Eid lesson with her students."**

**And further explains what she wishes more of her teachers had known:**

**"I wish more of my teachers held space for Muslim students to share the joy and happiness of the holiday."**

# Eid al-Adha is not commonly celebrated in school.



Muslim students often have to choose between going to school or staying home to observe their holiday.



And when students choose to go to school, their holiday and culture is often not acknowledged.

For Muslim students, religion is an important part of their identity. When important holidays go unrecognized in school, students can be left feeling unseen or misunderstood.

In recent years, school districts across the country have started to push for Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha to be recognized as school holidays.

# 3 Ways to Support Students During Eid al-Adha



Acknowledging and observing cultural celebrations in the classroom is important to this mission.

But we also need educators to do their part. Follow these three simple tips to ensure all students feel valued:

1

**Do your research.**  
Educate yourself on the origins and cultural significance of the holiday. Don't rely on your students to inform you.



Swipe to read more about how you can support Muslim students.



# Ways to Support Muslim Students (cont.)



2

**Create and hold space.**

**Make space in your classroom for your students to learn and have fruitful discussions about the holiday. Provide them with materials and resources.**



3

**Share traditions.**

**Invite your students to share cultural traditions with each other. Honor their vulnerability and celebrate their cultures.**





# FLI CAN HELP!



**Partner with FLI to work on classroom inclusivity and equity when celebrating holidays.**

## **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CURRICULUM**

FLI works with partner schools to develop curriculum that reflects the needs of ALL students.

FLI can support with the selection of curriculum to meet your needs, the development or tailoring of already-purchased or needed curriculum, and can even create curriculum for, or with, your team.

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