

**May 8, 2024**

**Juneteenth as an Institutional Holiday**

Dear Colleagues:

Effective this year, New Mexico Tech will observe Juneteenth as an institutional holiday. No classes will be held that day and employees will receive a paid day off on Wednesday, June 19.

Employees unable to take off June 19 this year because of pre-existing work-related obligations (e.g., summer STEM camp) can substitute another day that week (the week of June 17) or within the pay period (from June 17 to June 30) for their paid Juneteenth holiday; please coordinate this with your supervisor.

Juneteenth (the 19<sup>th</sup> of June) is not merely a historical date but a pivotal moment in American history. It celebrates significant progress toward freedom and equality while also reminding us of the continuous struggle required to achieve true racial justice.

To learn more about Juneteenth, click [here](#).

Warm regards,  
Mahyar and the president's executive cabinet