



Parent and Student Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year



Back-to-School for the 2021-2022 School Year

The 2021-2022 school year starts on **Monday, August 30, 2021**. It will be the first full day of classes for all students, and we look forward to seeing you. Use this guide to return ready for school. Until then, have a safe and happy summer!

2021-2022 Minimum Health Requirements

Student health records are reviewed on schedule per The Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure that our students are healthy and up to date on required Immunizations. Families are required to show proof of current physical exams and immunizations no later than **October 15, 2021**, or they will face exclusion from school per the Illinois School Code.

Physical Examination - Must be completed within one year prior to entry into Preschool, K, 6th or 9th grades or upon first-time enrollment into CPS if entering the district from another state or country. Students moving to a CPS school from another school in Illinois, outside of CPS, must provide physical exam and immunization records to the school.

Vision Examination - Current eye examinations are to be provided upon enrolling into CPS from out of state (at any grade level), and entering Kindergarten (and no later than October 15, 2021).

Dental Examination - Dental exam must be provided by students entering K, 2nd, 6th and 9th grade upon enrollment (and no later than May 15, 2022).

Immunization Requirements - Annually, a student's health record must show up-to-date immunizations for the following vaccines: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DTap/Tdap), Polio, (IPV) Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chicken Pox) - may be combined with MMR-V, and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine. Haemophilus Influenzae -Type B (HIB) and the Pneumococcal Disease (PCV) - are not required for children 5 and older.

Detailed health requirements and forms may be found at: <http://www.cps.edu/oshw/Pages/MinimumHealthRequirements.aspx> or call the Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services at (773) 553-1800.

2021 Summer Programs

For information regarding:

Summer programs and activities through the City of Chicago and the Mayor's Office, visit: <https://explore.mychimyfuture.org/>.

Chicago Park District programs, call (312) 742-PLAY (7529) or visit: www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

2021 Summer School Session

The traditional Summer Bridge program has been expanded this summer as Bridge+ to serve K-8 students with a D or F average for Q1-3 in Chicago Reading Framework or Math Standards. The program is being offered as additional support to these students and is not a requisite for promotion to the following year. The program will run July 6 - July 30, 2021 Monday - Friday for 4 hours.

Eligible students will receive an invitation letter with detailed program information and registration instructions.

For questions regarding Bridge+ please contact the Summer Assistance team at summerbridge@cps.edu. For other programs, contact your local school or Network Office.

Key Dates for the 2021-2022 School Year

August 30, 2021 - School starts for students

June 14, 2022 - School ends for students

Parent-Teacher Conference Days and Report Card Distribution Days

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):
Wednesday, November 17, 2021, and Wednesday, April 20, 2022

High School Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):
Thursday, November 18, 2021, and Thursday, April 21, 2022

Report Card Distribution Days: Friday, February 4, 2022 and Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Holidays/Vacations

September 6, 2021 (Labor Day)

October 11, 2021 (Indigenous People's Day)

November 11, 2021 (Veterans Day)

November 24, 25 & 26, 2021 (Thanksgiving Break)

December 20, 2021 - December 31, 2021 (Winter Vacation)

January 17, 2022 (M.L. King Day)

February 21, 2022 (Presidents' Day)

April 11, 2022 - April 15, 2022 (Spring Vacation)

May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day)

Summer Safety Tips

Practice healthy habits at home and in public to help protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Parents should know where their children are at all times!

Do not swim in areas that do not have a lifeguard on duty.

Prolonged exposure to the sun can be harmful. Children should dress appropriately and not be exposed to the sun for long periods of time.

Students are encouraged to travel together in pairs whenever possible.

If a student feels uncomfortable or threatened in any way, he or she should go to the nearest business or populated area and call for help.

While having a phone can help in a crisis, students should use phones with good judgment and be aware of their surroundings.

Students should report any suspicious vehicles, persons or behavior to the police or a trusted adult.

Students and parents/guardians can report any concerns of sexual misconduct to CPS Office of Student Protections and Title IX at (773) 535-4400, osp@cps.edu or [online complaint form](#).

Please call the Cook County Crime Stoppers, 1-888-881-0606, for assistance in preventing violence in your home, on your street, in your school and in your community.

Have a safe and happy summer!