



# Parent and Student Guide for the 2020-2021 School Year

The first day  
of the school year  
is Tuesday,  
September 8

## Back-to-School for the 2020-2021 School Year

Start the 2020-2021 school year on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. 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!

## 2020-2021 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, 2020**, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 2020).

**Dental Examination** – Dental exam must be provided by students entering K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade upon enrollment (and no later than May 15, 2021).

**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.

## 2020 Summer Programs

For information regarding:

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

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

## 2020 Virtual Summer School Session

The traditional Summer Bridge program has been repurposed into a virtual program called Summer Learning. Summer Learning will serve students in Grades 1–8 who end the fourth quarter with an incomplete in reading or math. 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 20 - August 14, 2020 Monday - Friday for 4 hours.

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

For questions regarding Summer Learning please contact Angela Dumas at [amdumas@cps.edu](mailto:amdumas@cps.edu). For other programs, contact your local school or Network Office.

## Key Dates for the 2020-2021 School Year

September 8, 2020 - School starts for students

June 22, 2021 - School ends for students

## Parent-Teacher Conference Days and Report Card Distribution Days

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020, and Wednesday, April 21, 2021

High School Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):  
Thursday, November 19, 2020, and Thursday, April 22, 2021

Report Card Distribution Days: Friday, February 12, 2021 and Tuesday, June 22, 2021

## Holidays/Vacations

September 7, 2020 (Labor Day)

October 12, 2020 (Indigenous People's Day)

November 11, 2020 (Veterans Day)

November 25, 26 & 27, 2020 (Thanksgiving Break)

December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021 (Winter Vacation)

January 18, 2021 (M.L. King Day)

February 15, 2021 (President's Day)

March 29, 2021 - April 2, 2021 (Spring Vacation)

May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)

## Summer Safety Tips

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

Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet apart from other people and wearing a face covering.

Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. If you sneeze or cough into a tissue, throw it in the trash right away.

Do not touch your mouth, nose, or eyes without washing your hands first.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Keep your environment clean, especially high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, and remote controls.

If you feel sick, stay home and contact your healthcare provider.

**Have a safe and happy summer!**