



Back-to-School Checklist



REGISTRATION

Families are urged to register their children early to avoid processing delays. The **FIRST** day of school at Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is August 23, 2021. For more information, visit <http://attendanceservices.dadeschools.net/>.



DAESCHOOLS MOBILE APP

The recently updated Dadeschools Mobile app is a one-stop shop for parents. Access important information including class schedules, school grades, District news and much more. Download the free app to your iPhone or Android device.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students will need essential school supplies. Parents should check their child's school website or contact the school for supply lists.



MEALS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it would extend the meals flexibility waiver, allowing M-DCPS to serve free breakfast and lunch to enrolled children throughout the entire 2021-2022 school year.



SCHOOL ZONES

Slow down, stay alert and stop for buses. Observe the 15-mph school speed limit.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Get to know your child's teachers at the beginning of the school year. Request an in-person or virtual meeting with them to share important information about your child and to ask how to best support their learning at home. Consider joining a parent organization like the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or volunteering at your child's school. Speak to your child's principal for more information on PTA or email info@mdccpta.net. To find out how you can become a school volunteer, visit <https://www.engagemiamidade.net/volunteers>.



HOTLINES

Adult and Career/Technical Education: 305-558-8000
Mental Health Services for students/parents: 305-995-7100
Project UP-START for students experiencing unstable housing: 305-995-7558



FACIAL COVERINGS

A decision regarding facial coverings will be made following the District's public health and medical experts taskforce meeting, taking place on August 16, 2021.



CONTACT INFORMATION

M-DCPS has the ability to communicate accurately and efficiently with parents through voice, text, and email messages. It's important that your child's school has the most current contact information. Parents can update their details by contacting their child's principal. They may also opt in for emergency text messages by texting "Y" to 67587 on their mobile device.



IMMUNIZATIONS

Parents are urged to check their children's immunization records to see if they are due for any mandated school entry vaccines. All M-DCPS students are required to have the mandatory school age vaccines for the 2021-2022 school year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends everyone 12 years and older receive the COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against this virus.



UNIFORMS

The uniform policy will be enforced. Contact your child's school to find out more.



BUS ASSIGNMENTS

Find out bus route information ahead of time. If you live two miles away from your assigned school, your child may be eligible for bus services.



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

M-DCPS offers many after-school care programs. Contact your child's school to find out more.



SAFETY FIRST

Prevention! Prevention! Prevention! Urge your child to say something if they see something suspicious. Anonymous tips can be reported to 305-995-COPS (2677) or on the FortifyFL app, available at getfortifyfl.com.

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