

Broward County Public Schools • 2019/20

Parents' Guide



Your one-stop reference for information about Broward's schools and programs.

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OUR VISION

To improve the academic outcomes of students and strengthen family engagement efforts in the home, school and community through support of families and schools.

OUR ROLE

Improving the achievement levels of all children and introducing systemic reforms in the area of family and community engagement are the overall goals of the Office of Family and Community Engagement. Our vision calls for parents to be full partners with school staff and members of the community in the work of supporting and sustaining excellence in Broward County Public Schools.

The Office of Family and Community Engagement is charged with expanding the capacity of the District and its schools to establish an infrastructure that supports family, student and community engagement efforts that are welcoming, engaging and capacity building.

OUR INITIATIVES

Working in collaboration with many District departments, as well as PTA, DAC and other advocacy organizations our team is committed to delivering research-based initiatives that engage, inform and strengthen families.



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Broward County Single Member School Districts

District 1 Ann Murray	District 2 Patricia Good	District 3 Heather Brinkworth	District 4 Lori Alhadeff	District 5 Dr. Rosalind Osgood	District 6 Laurie Rich Levinson	District 7 Nora Rupert
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS						
Beachside Montessori Village Bethune Boulevard Heights Colbert Collins Dania Driftwood Hallandale Hollywood Central Hollywood Hills Hollywood Park Lake Forest Miramar Oakridge Orange Brook Pasadena Lakes Pembroke Pines Perry, A. C., PreK-7 Sheridan Hills Sheridan Park Stirling Watkins West Hollywood	Chapel Trail Coconut Palm Coral Cove Dolphin Bay Fairway Hawkes Bluff Lakeside Palm Cove Panther Run Pembroke Lakes Pines Lakes Sea Castle Silver Lakes Silver Palms Silver Shores Sunset Lakes Sunshine	Bayview Bennett Croissant Park Cypress Floranada Foster, Stephen Harbordale Lloyd Estates McNab Meadowbrook North Andrews Gardens North Side Oakland Park Riverland Westwood Heights Wilton Manors Young, Virginia S.	Broadview Challenger Coral Park Coral Springs PreK-7 Country Hills Eagle Ridge Forest Hills Heron Heights Hunt, James Maplewood Morrow North Lauderdale PreK-7 Park Springs Park Trails Parkside Pinewood Ramblewood Riverglades Riverside Tamarac Westchester	Banyan Broward Estates Castle Hill Dillard Discovery Endeavour Primary Learning Center Horizon King, Martin L. Larkdale Lauderdale Manors Lauderhill Paul T. Marshall, Thurgood Mirror Lake North Fork Oriole Park Lakes Peters Plantation Rock Island Royal Palm Sunland Park Village Walker Welleby	Central Park Cooper City Country Isles Davie Eagle Point Embassy Creek Everglades Flamingo Fox Trail Gator Run Griffin Indian Trace Manatee Bay Nob Hill Nova Blanche Forman Nova Eisenhower Plantation Park Sandpiper Sawgrass Silver Ridge Tropical	Atlantic West Broward Virtual Education Coconut Creek Cresthaven Deerfield Beach Deerfield Park Drew, Charles Liberty Margate Markham, C. Robert Norcrest Palmview Park Ridge Pompano Beach Quiet Waters Sanders Park Tedder Tradewinds Winston Park
MIDDLE SCHOOLS						
Apollo Attucks Beachside Montessori Village Driftwood Gulfstream McNicol Olsen Perry, A. C., PreK-7 Perry, Henry D.	Glades New Renaissance Pines Silver Trail Young, Walter C.	New River Rickards, James Sunrise	Coral Springs Coral Springs PreK-7 Forest Glen Millennium North Lauderdale PreK-7 Ramblewood Sawgrass Springs Silver Lakes Westglades	Ashe, Arthur Bair Dandy, William Dillard 6-12 Lauderdale Lakes Lauderhill 6-12 Parkway Plantation Westpine	Falcon Cove Indian Ridge Nova Pioneer Seminole Tequesta Trace	Broward Virtual Education Crystal Lake Deerfield Beach Lyons Creek Margate Pompano Beach
HIGH SCHOOLS						
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CENTERS						
Broward Youth Treatment Center Lanier-James Education Center The Quest Center Hallandale Adult Sheridan Technical College	Broward Girls Academy Whispering Pines	Seagull School Pine Ridge Ed. Whiddon Rogers Ed.: • AMIKids Greater Ft. Lauderdale • Broward Detention Center • Thompson Academy • PACE Center for Girls		Wingate Oaks	McFatter Technical College	Atlantic Technical College Bright Horizons Charles Drew Family Resource Center Cross Creek Cypress Run Ed. Dave Thomas Ed. Center

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CHARTER SCHOOLS						
Alpha International Academy Avant Garde Academy Avant Garde K-8 Broward Ben Gamla Charter Ben Gamla Charter High School Ben Gamla Charter North Broward Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter High School Ben Gamla Preparatory Charter School Bridge Prep Academy of Hollywood Hills Championship Academy of Distinction at Hollywood Henry McNeal Turner Learning Academy Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science Middle International School of Broward New Life Charter Academy Paragon Academy of Technology Somerset Academy Somerset Academy Somerset East Preparatory Academy South Broward Montessori Charter School Sunshine Elementary	Atlantic Montessori Charter School Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus City of Pembroke Pines Elementary - Central City of Pembroke Pines Elementary - East City of Pembroke Pines Elementary - West City of Pembroke Pines High City of Pembroke Pines Middle - Central City of Pembroke Pines Middle - West Dolphin Park High Franklin Academy A Franklin Academy Campus 3 Franklin Academy E Franklin Academy F Greentree Preparatory Charter School Kidz Choice Charter Renaissance Charter Middle School at Pines Renaissance Charter School at Pines Somerset Academy Charter High School Miramar Campus Somerset Academy Elementary Somerset Academy High Somerset Academy Hollywood Middle School Somerset Academy Middle Somerset Academy Miramar Somerset Academy Miramar Middle Somerset Conservatory Somerset Miramar South Somerset Neighborhood Somerset Preparatory Charter Middle	Charter School of Excellence Charter School of Excellence @ Fort Lauderdale 2 Charter School of Excellence @ Riverland Charter School of Excellence @ Riverland 2 Florida Virtual Academy at Broward County Mavericks High Central Broward Melrose High Somerset Village Academy Somerset Village Academy Middle	Broward Community Charter West Broward Math and Science Schools Charter School of Excellence @ Tamarac 1 Charter School of Excellence @ Tamarac 2 Coral Springs Charter School Discovery Middle Charter Eagles' Nest Middle Everest Charter School Excelsior Charter of Broward Imagine Charter School at Broward Imagine Elementary School at North Lauderdale North Broward Academy of Excellence North Broward Academy of Excellence Middle Panacea Prep Charter School Pivot Charter School Renaissance Charter School at University Renaissance Charter School of Coral Springs RISE Academy School of Science and Technology Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter at North Lauderdale Somerset Preparatory Charter High at North Lauderdale West Broward Academy At Excelsior	Academic Solutions High School Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale Ben Gamla Charter South Broward Central Charter School Eagles' Nest Charter Academy Lauderhill High North University High Paramount Charter School Pathways Academy K-8 Center Renaissance Charter School of Plantation SunEd High School	Championship Academy of Distinction at Davie Charter School of Excellence @ Davie Charter School of Excellence @ Davie 2 Franklin Academy B Imagine Charter School at Weston Imagine Middle School West Imagine Schools - Plantation Campus Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City Somerset Academy Davie	Ascend Career Academy Flagler High Innovation Charter School Mavericks High of North Broward County Somerset Academy Pompano Somerset Academy Pompano Middle Somerset Pines Academy SunEd High of North Broward

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QUICK FACTS ABOUT BCPS

6th

Largest Public School System in the Nation

2nd

Largest Public School System in Florida

1st

Fully Accredited School System in Florida Since 1962

238

Schools, Centers and Technical Colleges

204

Different Countries Represented by BCPS Students

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is the sixth largest school district in the United States and the second largest in the state of Florida. BCPS is Florida's first fully accredited school system since 1962, meeting the rigorous accreditation standards established by AdvancED (SACS/CASI), a global leader in advancing educational excellence.

Vision Statement:

Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world.

Mission Statement:

Broward County Public Schools is committed to educating all students to reach their highest potential.

- **BCPS** serves nearly **270,000 students** and over **170,000 adult students** in **241 schools, centers and technical colleges** and **89 charter schools**.
- **BCPS** serves a diverse student population. Students are from **204 countries** and speak **191 different languages**. Approximately 32,000 students are identified as English Language Learners.
- Exceptional Student Education (ESE) is provided to approximately **48,000 children – 37,000 with special needs** and **11,000 gifted students**.
- **BCPS** is first in the state for the number of high school students earning Advanced Placement (AP) scholar awards, honors and distinction.
- Twenty **BCPS** high schools ranked in the **top 30% of all high schools in the nation** by US News & World Reports for 2019.
- **BCPS** has the largest Speech and Debate program in the nation, with over **20,000 participants** at 100% of the District's high schools and middle schools and over 100 elementary schools.
- **BCPS** was recognized by Jumpstart as **2019's Read for the Record District of the Year**. This is the first year Jumpstart has presented the national award, which represents the highest level of recognition from Jumpstart among eight award categories.
- National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers. **BCPS** leads the state in the number of National Board Certified teachers.
- **BCPS** offers nearly **170 magnet and innovative programs** at schools across the District. These programs are created around specific areas of interest and unique themes.
- **BCPS** has the **largest JROTC cadet program** in the nation.



2019/20 SCHOOL CALENDAR BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWCOMERS

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

You must register your child for school. For an Enrollment Checklist and Student Registration Form, contact the registrar's office at your assigned school or download from the website at browardschools.com/BRACE and click on Register My Child on the left.

SCHOOL LOCATOR

The District offers a convenient online system that locates your assigned school and provides information about the school. To find out the schools assigned to your home address, you may either call the Innovative Programs Department at 754-321-2380 or use the online school locator at browardschools.com/schoollocator. You must provide your specific street address and your child's grade level in order to determine the correct school your child will attend. District-wide school boundary maps are also available.

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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Hurricane makeup days in order of preference: 10/17/19, 12/20/19, 2/20/20, 3/19/20, 4/9/20, 6/2/20

* The School Board approved revising the 2019/20 school year calendar Early Release Day from Thursday, February 20 to Friday, February 14.

For an accessible version of this calendar, visit browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar.



ALL STUDENTS

HOONUIT (Formerly Atomic Learning)

Hoonuit provides web-based software training for dozens of computer applications that Broward County Public School students and teachers use every day. These short, easy-to-view-and-understand tutorials are an anytime, anywhere training resource. A user name and password are required to use the system.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular school attendance is vitally important to a student's academic achievement. A student has a "pattern of non-attendance" if he or she is absent from school a total of 30 hours (5 days) in any one marking period or 60 hours (10 days) within 90 days. Unless acceptable documentation is available, both unexcused and excused absences, along with tardiness and early sign-outs, will be counted when determining a student's pattern of non-attendance.

Acceptable reasons for an absence include:

- Student illness
- Illness of an immediate family member
- Death in the family
- Religious holidays of the student's faith
- Required court appearance or subpoena by a law enforcement agency
- Special events (conferences, state/national competitions, exceptional cases of family need)

- Medical or dental appointments
- Having a communicable disease or infestation

A "pattern of non-attendance" may have serious consequences. The student's report card may be withheld, or he or she may be required to repeat a class. The child's parent may be required to appear in court. If parents receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) from the state, TANF payments may be suspended.

Parents with questions about the attendance policy should contact their home school or the School Social Work and Attendance Department, 754-321-1623.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

Before and After School Child Care (BASCC) provides students with a safe, nurturing and comfortable environment. BASCC promotes an enriching program to include physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development. Either the School Board or a private provider operates the school site programs. During Before and After School Care, children have the opportunity to have a snack, do homework with assistance and then participate in several scheduled activities. These include academic enhancement, a technology session, creative play or dramatic arts, outdoor activity to enhance fitness and a free choice. Care is provided every day the school is open, including early

release days. For more information, visit browardschools.com/bascc.

Tuition for School Board-operated programs is \$194.00 per payment period for a total of ten payments. (Payment amounts are different for year-round schools and those schools that end after 2:00 p.m.) Fees are paid in advance for services and are due on the given due date.

Rates for programs managed by Private Providers may vary but cannot be more than 20% higher than School Board Operated Programs. If payment is not made on time, students are withdrawn from the program. Partial fee waivers may be available based on eligibility. Please contact your child's school for further details.

BECON

The Broward Education Communications Network (BECON) has been owned and operated by Broward County Public Schools since 1966. BECON provides relevant, entertaining programs for all ages with a focus on encouraging lifelong learning.

In addition to its broadcast programming, BECON provides curriculum-based instructional programs for classroom teachers as well as online courses for school students through the Broward Virtual School (see p. 16).

To learn more about BECON, visit becon.tv.

CURRICULUM

The Office of Academics works to design, support, and monitor the educational vision articulated by the Broward County community. We are committed to educating all students and staff to reach their highest potential and ensure readiness for a lifetime of self-sufficiency and community engagement. The Office of Academics works in close collaboration with the Office of School Performance & Accountability and Office of Student Support Initiatives and Recovery. Visit browardschools.com/academics for information.

DISCIPLINE MATRIX

The Discipline Matrix is a tool used by administrators when students have committed serious violations of the Code of Student Conduct. This tool is designed to offer consistency at all levels across the District so that students are disciplined fairly from school to school when their behavior requires punishment beyond the classroom. There are two different versions of the Matrix: one for grades K-5 and one for grades 6-12. Both are available online for your review. If you have questions about the

Discipline Matrix, please contact your school administrator or visit browardschools.com/codeofconduct.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT (ESLS)

Broward County Public Schools provide a continuum of services and programs to meet the individual needs of students eligible for special education and related services, ages 3 through 22. This continuum of services may be provided in a variety of settings, which include general education classrooms, resource rooms, specialized day schools, and hospital homebound. Eligible students receive supports and/or services as documented on their Individual Education Plans (IEPs) that are based on each child's unique/specialized needs, as related to their levels of academic achievement and/or functional performance. In addition, students may be eligible for accommodations under Section 504. For additional information and/or resources related to exceptional student education, contact 754-321-3400 or visit browardschools.com/esls.

EXPULSION

The Code of Student Conduct contains information about behaviors that can lead to expulsion. Each student receives the Code at the beginning of the school year. It is also available online at browardschools.com/codeofconduct.

GUIDANCE COUNSELING (SCHOOL COUNSELING & BRACE ADVISEMENT)

School guidance counselors promote and enhance achievement with an annual comprehensive guidance plan that ensures that every student receives guidance services. Credentialed school counselors provide comprehensive counseling programs that incorporate prevention and intervention with continuous academic, career and personal/development activities that will prepare them for meaningful participation in a diverse, changing world. These activities include classroom guidance, small groups for skill mastery, individual counseling for students with specific needs and a variety of other proactive and innovative ways to support student performance.

School counselors implement a program based on the National Standards for School Counseling programs and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model. They also provide resources to staff, students, families and others to ensure that a family friendly environment is established and ensure that students have access to a safe school climate necessary for academic and social/emotional growth. To learn more, visit browardschools.com/brace.



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

(See p. 23).

LUNCH MENUS

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus for elementary and middle schools (including nutritional values) are posted online as well as broadcast on BECON-TV. High school meal programs and menus may vary from school to school. For details, please call your school's cafeteria or visit browardschools.com/menus.

PINNACLE

The Pinnacle Internet Viewer allows middle and high school parents to view their children's current class and assignment grades and attendance record online, at any time. The system requires a user name (the student's Broward Schools student ID number) and a password (the student's birth date in military format). For example, if the birth date is 01/25/1992, the password would be 19920125.

Individual class assignment grades and tests are entered by the classroom teacher and can be viewed through the system. Pinnacle can also send parents daily or weekly notifications by e-mail. To access the Pinnacle website visit, gb.browardschools.com/Pinnacle/Gradebook.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

A detailed database of all official policies of the School Board of Broward County is available online at browardschools.com/policies. The database is searchable by policy number or keyword.

SCHOOL REASSIGNMENT

The District allows students to apply for reassignment to schools within the District that are not overcrowded or approaching a critically overcrowded point. The reassignment application window is between May 1st and June 15th for the following school year. Reassignment applications are available at all schools as well as online during the application period. For more information, visit browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

SOLVING PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL STAFF

Office of Service Quality (OSQ) offers guidance on how to prevent and repair relationships with teachers and staff. When your child has a problem at school, the first step is to make sure you have all the facts about the situation. Speak directly with your child's teacher before going to the principal or Superintendent. If you believe that the teacher is unwilling to resolve the issue or you don't think the result was fair, make a suggestion that the two of you speak with a mediator (another teacher, the assistant principal or the principal). OSQ is tasked with providing direct responses to parents and community members regarding school concerns. OSQ works with schools and involved stakeholders to resolve complaints. For assistance, call 754-321-3636.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

The District's Student Assessment and Research Department oversees the distribution, administration, collection and security of all assessments required by the state and the District. The department also analyzes and interprets the findings of these tests so that schools, parents and the community at large can better understand issues of educational quality.

You may view the District-wide Assessment Calendar, a list of all standardized tests for the entire school year, online at browardschools.com/testing-calendar.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Student Transportation & Fleet Services Department is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of all eligible Broward County Public Schools students in compliance with federal, state and local guidelines. The Florida Statutes determine which students are eligible to receive school transportation.

Each school receives a Student Transportation Eligibility Report prior to the beginning of each fall school term. The report lists each student registered at the school, their current registered address, the distance from the registered address to the school, transportation eligibility and the bus route information, (if the student is eligible for transportation).

If you believe the distance from your home to the school has been calculated incorrectly, or have concerns about the safety of your child's walking route, or other general questions, please contact the designated transportation liaison at your school. For more information, call 754-321-4400 or visit browardschools.com/transportation.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

The Records Retention Office assists students who need to obtain their school transcripts. School transcripts are legal documents accepted as proof of graduation or attendance. Copies of school transcripts/records for students who attended any Broward County Public School up to 2013 may be obtained in person or by mail, by completing a Transcript Request Form to the Record Retention office. If you graduated or last attended after 2013, contact your last school.

In order to obtain a transcript, a Transcript Request Form must be received along with a copy of valid ID. There is a \$3.00 fee per transcript. The Transcript Request Form is available online at browardschools.com/records.

VIRTUAL COUNSELOR

Parents can keep up with their child's school progress online, as well as find answers to basic questions a guidance counselor would typically be asked, by using the online Virtual Counselor. This system provides overall academic history (middle/high school quarterly & semester grades), standardized test scores, graduation requirements (GPA, class standing), overall attendance history, Individual Education Plans (IEP's), obligations (money owed to the school for missing library or textbooks, etc.) and college planning. A user name and password are required to log into the system. Contact your school's guidance department for information.



PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START



CITY ACADEMY

Broward's gifted cluster, known as CITY (Center for Intellectually Talented Youth) Academy, is located at Parkway Middle School of the Arts. It is designed to provide specialized instruction and an intellectual peer group for gifted children in grades 3-8. CITY Academy provides an environment that values and enhances above-average ability, passion, creativity, and task commitment in the students. Tours of the cluster are made by appointments throughout the school year.

Each year all Broward County parents of gifted students in grades 2-7 are sent letters inviting them to apply to CITY Academy for the following school year. The application is available online beginning in January. Students who apply are selected by a random lottery process once their gifted eligibility status has been verified.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

For more than 30 years, Broward County Public Schools has provided the community with a comprehensive Head Start Program. Children receive a wide variety of learning experiences that enhance

language, vocabulary, mathematics reasoning, and social-emotional development. Children receive developmental, sensory, health, and nutrition screenings to ensure early identification of potential disabilities or concerns that may impede learning.

In addition, The Head Start/Early Head Start Program offers services to parents designed for self-sufficiency. These services include but are not limited to: parenting classes, counseling, goal setting, educational, and employment opportunities.

Children leaving The Head Start Program are ready for Kindergarten and their families are strengthened through the comprehensive services offered.

The Head Start/Early Head Start Program Offers:

- Individualized instruction by state certified teachers
- Developmentally appropriate curricula
- Comprehensive services for low-income families
- Students' screenings and assessments
- Social services
- Medical and dental services
- Mental health services
- Nutrition services
- Services for children with disabilities
- Parent involvement/services for pregnant women
- Field trips
- Family and community partnerships
- Male involvement
- Support groups
- Parenting workshops
- Individualized weekly lessons for parent and child participating in the home-based option



For more information, call 754-321-1961 or visit browardschools.com/head-start.

MAGNET AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

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Elementary-level themes include:

- Communications and Languages
- Environmental Science
- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program
- Marine Environmental Science
- Montessori
- Performing and Visual Arts
- Science, Mathematics and Technology
- Science and Technology
- Technology
- and more

There is no cost to attend Magnet/Innovative Programs. Open houses are held in January and February, and tours are available by appointment. For details, call 754-321-2070 or visit browardschools.com/innovativeprograms.

PRESCHOOL EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Preschool children aged 3-5 qualify for the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program if they have one or more of the following exceptionalities:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Developmental Delay
- Dual Sensory Impairments
- Intellectual Disabilities

- Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities
- Physical Impaired with Orthopedically Impairment
- Physical Impaired with Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Speech and Language Impairments
- Physical Impaired with Traumatic Brain Injured
- Visually Impairment

Call Preschool Exceptional Education at 754-321-7213.

VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) is designed to prepare children for Kindergarten and develop the skills they need to become good readers and successful students.

Parents have the option of enrolling children in a school year program consisting of 540 instructional hours or a summer program consisting of 300 instructional hours. The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County administers the VPK at the local level, which includes registering childcare providers and providing applications and information to parents.

Enrollment in VPK is free for Florida residents who have children who are age 4, by September 1 of each school year. After completing a VPK application, parents will receive a Certificate of Eligibility and a list of Broward County VPK providers. It is important to shop wisely and find a provider that can best meet your child's learning needs.

Applications for the VPK Certificate of Eligibility are submitted online through the State's Single Point of Entry system at familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



ADVANCED COURSES

Over the last several years, District middle school students had the option of enrolling in high school level academic courses, specifically mathematics and world languages, and receive high school credit in a pass/fail format.

Due to a change in state legislation in 2007, middle school students who take high school courses no longer have a pass/fail option. All high school level courses taken by middle school students must receive the letter grade (A-F) earned, which will be applied to the student's high school transcript and factor into the high school grade point average and class rank.

Parents and students have been notified of this change so that they may make informed decisions before enrolling in high school level courses in middle school, as the students' high school grade point average will be affected by this change.

BROWARD VIRTUAL SCHOOL (BVS)

BVS provides a unique opportunity to depart from conventional learning systems and methods. We aim to develop independent thinkers, where the child is truly in pursuit of knowledge. BVS has proudly served Broward County students since 2001.

BVS offers a full-time virtual instruction program for students in grades K-12. Students access their curriculum and teachers through distance learning technologies. Students have the opportunity to create their own schedules and their classrooms can be any place with a connection to the Internet. Full-time BVS students are registered as public school students, take part in Florida Standards Assessments and other district tests, and have the opportunity to earn a standard Broward County diploma. In order to be accepted as a full-time student with BVS for second semester, a student must:

1) Have demonstrated success in prior courses (grades of C or better).

- 2) Have attained minimum scores on standardized tests in the prior school year. Visit bved.net for information.
- 3) Meet all of Broward County pupil progression criteria such as meeting minimum Florida Standards Assessments scores, course requirements, GPA, immunization, Code of Conduct acknowledgement, etc.

Students who meet these requirements must submit the online prospective full-time student application before the beginning of the first or second semester. The student application can be found online at bved.net.

In addition to the full-time program, BVS offers middle and high school courses to home school and private school students. These students may retain their home school or private school status and utilize BVS online courses to supplement their curriculum.

Students who are enrolled in a Broward County Public Schools middle or high school full-time may take supplemental courses online with BVS for graduation acceleration, credit recovery, grade-forgiveness, or to earn high school credit while in middle school. BVS registration information and a student orientation video are available on the BVS website. BVS partners with Florida Virtual School for middle and high school curriculum and K12 Florida for elementary school curriculum. BVS teachers are Broward County Public Schools employees.

FLORIDA'S VIRTUAL CAMPUS (FVC) (Formerly FACTS)

FVC is a free, online advising website that helps students plan and track their education progress from middle school through high school and on to college. FVC helps middle school students and their families plan for high school and explore careers.

In order to be promoted to Grade 9, all middle school students must complete a Career and Education Planning course, which requires the creation of an academic plan for high school, using the electronic Personal Education Planner located online at fvc.org. The course may be offered in either Grade 7 or 8 and it may stand alone or be integrated into an existing course. To learn more, visit fvc.org.

CITY ACADEMY (GIFTED ACADEMY)

(See p. 14).

GREAT EXPLORATIONS IN MATHEMATICS (GEM)

GEM allows mathematically talented students to move faster than they would in a regular program. Since some students are already good technicians, they can follow rules and apply those rules to routine exercises. GEM students need to go one step further, analyzing non-routine problems and digging beneath the surface in order to see the beauty, elegance, and application of the mathematics being learned. GEM students in Grade 6 complete a pre-Algebra curriculum. Grade 7 students take the high school-equivalent course of Algebra I Honors. Grade 8 students take the high school equivalent course of Geometry Honors. High school credit for Algebra I Honors is awarded to GEM middle school students who pass the grade 7 GEM course and pass the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam. High school credit for Geometry is awarded to GEM middle school students who pass the Grade 8 GEM course. Many GEM students enter high school prepared to take Algebra II Honors.

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Middle school themes include:

- Center for Literary Arts
- Center for Instructional Technology Education (CITE)
- Center for Intellectually Talented Youth (CITY)
- Communications/Broadcast Arts
- Health and Wellness
- Environmental Science
- International Affairs and Business
- Marine Science
- Montessori
- MicroSociety
- MYP/International Baccalaureate
- Performing & Visual Arts
- Pre-Law and Public Affairs
- Pre-Medical
- Science and Pre-Engineering
- and more

There is no cost to attend Magnet or Innovative Programs. Open houses are held in January and February, and tours are available by appointment. For details, call 754- 321-2070 or visit browardschools.com/innovativeprograms.



HIGH SCHOOL



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program provides students with the opportunity to take college level courses and examinations while still in high school. Participating colleges award credit and/or advanced placement to students based upon the examination scores. The District currently offers 38 AP courses.

AP students spend the fall and spring semesters immersed in a universe of knowledge that might otherwise remain unexplored in high school. AP courses improve their writing skills and problem solving techniques, develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work, and most importantly, match the high standards set by colleges and universities.

While getting a head start on college is one of the most obvious benefits of AP, the program can enrich a student's high school experience in other, equally profound ways. Each AP course is a unique learning experience that allows students to explore the world from a variety of perspectives, most importantly their own.

For students whose schools do not offer AP, home schooled students, students with disabilities, and students with scheduling conflicts, online AP courses can help them connect to increased opportunity. Strategies such as telephone tutors for foreign language classes, on-site mentors, lab simulations, and online teacher-student conferences ensure students

have a meaningful AP experience.

CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLANNING

Florida Virtual Campus (formerly FACTS) is a free, online advising website that helps students plan and track their education progress. To learn more, visit fvc.org. (See p. 17.)

The District also offers students' access to Naviance for all district students in grades 6-12 to help with college and career planning! This world-class system is designed to inform students, parents, and schools with: researching careers, colleges, and majors; finding local and national scholarships and enrichment programs; exploring students' career interests, learning styles, personality types, and multiple intelligences; building resumes and holistic portfolios for job and college applications; setting goals and developing personalized plans for success; requesting and sending electronic transcripts; and learning about success skills, financial planning, self-discovery, and building support network. For more information, visit browardschools.com/naviance.

CAREER TECHNICAL AND ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (CTACE)

CTACE programs and services prepare students to enter today's highly technical careers. Programs begin with career awareness and exploration in middle school and progress through specialized high school and postsecondary technical education training programs, resulting in the acquisition of a high-skill/high-wage job.



TECHNICAL DUAL ENROLLMENT

The Technical Dual Enrollment program provides high school career and technical education students the opportunity to be admitted to a postsecondary certificate program administered at or through one of Broward Technical Colleges (Atlantic, McFatter and Sheridan). To be eligible, students must have discussed the Technical Dual Enrollment option with the guidance counselor at their home school, have parental approval, taken and passed the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) at one of the Broward Technical Colleges at a level that meets or exceeds the state-mandated minimum basic skills requirements for the selected program, completed a minimum of 11 high school credits, earned an overall un-weighted grade point average of 2.0 or higher AND, in an eligible CTE Technical Dual Enrollment Program with a grade of "C" or higher, 1) completed a one-credit CTE course and are currently scheduled and taking two additional one-credit courses in the same program for rotator schools, OR schedule in two one-credit additional courses for block schools OR 2) completed two one-credit CTE courses and are currently taking an additional one-credit course in the same program, OR 3) Completed three one- credit CTE courses.

Students will receive two additional quality points for each identified Technical Dual Enrollment course successfully completed with a grade of "C" or better. An overall GAP of 2.0 must be maintained in order to continue as a Technical Dual Enrolled student.

Technical Dual Enrollment students do not pay tuition costs, registration fees, basic skills testing fees, activity fees, lab fees and required textbook costs. For private and home education students books and instructional materials must be paid for and students must provide for their own transportation. All students/parents are responsible for additional fees that may be required for some technical programs.

For details about Technical Dual Enrollment contact your school's guidance counselor.



COLLEGE ACADEMY AT BC CENTRAL

The College Academy at BC Central Campus offers qualified high school juniors enrolled as full-time students in the program the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree from Broward College. All tuition and books are provided for all coursework at no cost to the participants, which essentially means the freshman and sophomore years of college are free of charge. Additionally, students have the opportunity to qualify for the State of Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

The College Academy is designed for students who have the maturity required for college campus life and the academic ability to handle the rigor of college work. Both high school and dual enrollment courses are taught on the BC Central campus. Students take between 12-18 college credits during the Fall and Winter Terms and approximately 6 college credits during Session I of the Summer Term. Students must maintain a 2.5 unweighted grade point average in order to remain at The College Academy. For more information, visit browardschools.com/collegeacademy.

COLLEGE PLANNING

The District offers a number of resources to help students plan for college. **Florida Virtual Campus (FVC) (formerly FACTS)** is a free, online advising Web site that helps students plan and track their educational progress. FVC helps high school students and their families find a college, identify opportunities for financial aid, and submit applications. To learn more, visit fvc.org.

Another program, **Broward Advisors for Continuing Education (BRACE)**, is unique to the District. BRACE advisors work with your school's guidance counselor to provide information on scholarships, financial aid, and the college application process. BRACE can also provide information about technical colleges, military options and direct entry into the workforce. For more information, visit browardschools.com/brace.

Cultivating Achievement and Thinking Skills (CATs) is an elective support course for students concurrently enrolled in rigorous courses. The curriculum emphasizes study skills, organizational skills, and provides a place where students may be given the opportunity to receive additional support, mentoring, and time to work on rigorous assignments. Students also partake in career exploration to help them identify a career path with the goal of motivating them to complete high school successfully and be college and workforce ready.

An important step in the path to college is registering and preparing for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Details are available from your school's guidance counselor or online at collegeboard.org.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

The Driver's Education program is offered at 16 locations and is free of charge. To register for Driver's Education, public and charter school students must use Virtual Counselor (See p. 10). Private school students must call 754-321- 1871.

Students must be 15 years of age or older to attend Driver's Education. Please visit browardschools.com/driversed for the most current Driver's Education schedule.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The District sponsors a Dual Enrollment program with Broward College that gives high school juniors and seniors a unique opportunity to enroll in courses at BC for high school and college credit. To be eligible, students must have an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and appropriate SAT, ACT, CPT, or PERT scores.

Dual enrolled students do not pay the BC registration or matriculation fees because they also are receiving high school credit for their courses. They do not pay textbook fees for core courses taken during the fall and winter terms. Most of the classes are taught by BC professors committed to academic excellence and rigorous standards. Dual enrollment courses not offered by BC may be taken at other institutions with which the District has dual enrollment agreements, including Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, and the District's Technical Centers.



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is comprised of three Florida Lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates for high academic achievement:

- Florida Academic Scholars Award ,including the Academic Top Scholars Award
- Florida Medallion Scholars Award
- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award

For initial eligibility, a student must:

- be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. A student's residency and citizenship status are determined by the postsecondary institution. Questions regarding such status should be directed to the financial aid office or admissions office of the institution the student plans to attend.
- not owe a repayment or be in default under any state or federal grant, loan, or scholarship program unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made.
- meet specific coursework and minimum grade point average (GPA) and test score requirements.

Further requirements apply for each of the three award types. Students must apply during the last year of high school, before graduation, or forfeit all future eligibility for a Bright Futures Scholarship. Requirements can change pending future legislation rulings.

HONORS COURSES

Honors courses allow the student to investigate deeper in content than standard classes. The honors curriculum also allows students to demonstrate their willingness to be involved in a more rigorous course of study. Transcripts of honors students are therefore more appealing to colleges and universities. For more information, contact your school's guidance counselor.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma program is a rigorous pre-university course of studies, leading to examinations, that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary students. The IB program is designed as a comprehensive four-year curriculum that allows its graduates to fulfill requirements of various national education systems. The diploma model is based on the pattern of no single country but incorporates the best elements of many.

The IB program is offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization, which is a nonprofit educational foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland. IB programs have been implemented in 705 schools in 92 countries.

The IB curriculum has been molded and shaped over the years by educators committed to international education. The six subject groups are:

- Language A1 (Native/Best Language)
- Language A2, B, ab initio (Foreign Language)
- Individuals and Societies (Social Sciences)
- Experimental Sciences (Sciences)
- Mathematics
- The Arts and Electives

In Broward, the IB Diploma is offered as a magnet program at four high schools: Boyd Anderson High School, Deerfield Beach High School, Miramar High School and Plantation High School. Additionally, two middle schools, Lauderdale Lakes and Deerfield Beach, offer Liberal Arts Magnet programs to prepare students for the IB program.

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- Architecture and Design
- Aviation
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Cambridge
- Communications and Broadcast Arts
- Emerging Computer Technology
- Environmental Science
- Health and Wellness
- International Affairs and Business Technology
- International Affairs with Informational Technology
- International Baccalaureate
- The Latin School
- Liberal Arts
- Marine Science
- Medical Sciences
- Performing and Visual Arts

- Pre-law and Public Affairs
- Science and Pre-Engineering
- Technical Academies
- Urban Teacher Academy
- and more

There is no cost to attend Magnet Programs. Open houses are held in January and February, and tours are available by appointment. For details, call 754-321-2070 or visit browardschools.com/innovativeprograms.

SERVICE LEARNING

The Service Learning Graduation Requirement and the Student Volunteer Service Program acquaint high school students with the need to become participating agents of change by providing service to both their school and community. Service learning is coordinated with a school or community service program and with the community. It is integrated into and influences the lifelong learning of a participant and includes structured time for the participants to reflect on the service experience.

Service learning teaches the skills of civil participation and develops an ethic of service and civic responsibility. Students can provide service in the community on a voluntary basis to public, nonprofit agencies, civic, charitable and governmental organizations and school campus. Service Learning and Volunteer Service Program is divided into three tiers:

- Tier I - Service Learning Hours required for graduation (40 hours).
- Tier II - Service Learning and Volunteer Service Hours required to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholars Program - one of the Bright Futures Scholarships (75 hours).
- Tier III - Volunteer Service Hours required earn a silver cord at graduation (250 hours).

Students should see the Student Volunteer Service Program Coordinator at their school for the appropriate service hour forms. To learn more, visit browardschools.com/servicelearning.



STUDENT HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SAFETY

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

All meals comply with USDA nutrition guidelines. No fried foods are served, and lunches contain less than 30 percent fat.

Every school in the District offers meal programs at reasonable prices:

- Breakfast – Elementary: FREE; Middle and Secondary: FREE; and Adult: \$1.80
- Lunch – Elementary: \$2.00; Middle: \$2.35; High: \$2.50; and Adult: \$2.75
- District Reduced Breakfast: FREE
- District Reduced Lunch: \$0.40
- Milk: \$0.50, Adult Milk: \$0.50

The USDA's Free or Reduced Price Meal Program serves approximately 177,000 eligible students in the District. The application for free and reduced price meal benefits is available online at myschoolapps.com. If you are unable to complete an application online, contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-321-0215. Monthly school breakfast and lunch menus for elementary and middle schools (including nutritional values) are posted at browardschools.com/menus as well as broadcast on BECON- TV. High school meal programs and menus may vary from school to school. On-line School Lunch payments may be made at myschoolbucks.com. A \$1.95 convenience fee is charged each time you use this portal.

COORDINATED STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Coordinated Student Health Services (CSHS) strives to foster growth, development, and educational achievement of our students by promoting their health and wellness in a safe supportive environment. CSHS embraces collaboration with staff, students, families and the community to achieve this goal.

For additional information, visit browardschools.com/csbs or call 754-321-1575.



IMMUNIZATIONS

Safety is important to Broward County Public Schools. Keeping students safe from infectious diseases is one important aspect of safety. All students must have the proper immunizations before enrolling in a Broward County Public school.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Coordinated Student Health Services at 754-321-1575.

Florida statute requires all students must receive the proper immunizations before enrolling into a Broward County Public school.

The following is a guide to the required immunizations. Students may be exempt for religious or medical reasons with the proper documentation.



Varicella vaccine is **NOT** required if there is a history of varicella disease documented by the Health Care Provider on the 680 card.

Forms: A Blue or white Florida Certificate of Immunizations (680) is required for enrollment. The 680 card can be obtained from the Broward County Department of Health or a Private Physician.

Vaccines	Doses
DTP: Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis DTP or DTaP	<u>5 doses</u> If the 4th dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, only 4 doses are required. If 5 doses are given the 5th dose must be given between the ages of 4 and 6 years.
IPV: Polio or OPV Oral Poliovirus	<u>3, 4, Or 5 doses</u> If the fourth dose of vaccine is administered prior to the fourth birthday, a fifth dose of polio vaccine is required for entry into kindergarten
Hep B: Hepatitis B	<u>3 doses</u> An alternative 2 dose series for adolescents 11-15 yrs is available.
MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella	<u>2 doses</u> If the 1st dose was given sooner than student's first birthday, it is considered invalid and another dose is necessary. The second dose may be administered before age 4-6 yrs provided more than 4 weeks have lapsed since first dose.
Varicella	<u>2 doses</u> For students in Kindergarten and grades one, through nine. <u>1 dose</u> For students in grades four through nine
Tdap: Tetanus – Diphtheria – Pertussis	<u>1 dose</u> Students entering, attending or transferring to the seventh, eighth or ninth grade

Please see appendix for information about the Meningococcal Vaccine.

SAFETY & SECURITY

The Broward County Public Schools Special Investigative Unit (SIU) provides school safety services and training to students, parents, district employees and community members on topics such as Silence Hurts and school violence. Additionally, SIU collaborates with site administrators to facilitate emergency drills, assists with school safety plans, and conducts site assessments to help improve the safety and security of BCPS sites. Visit browardschools.com/safetyfirst for more information.

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety concern that is not urgent, you can do so anonymously. Help identify and intervene with at-risk individuals BEFORE they hurt themselves or others by reporting non-urgent threats, harassing behaviors, illegal activity (vandalism, theft, the sale of drugs), as well as information about planned crimes.

4 Ways to Report a Tip:

Online at: browardschools.com/Anonymous-Tips

Call: 754-321-0911

Text: 'SBBC' space with your text message to 274637 (CRIMES)

Email: school911@browardschools.com

Download these Free Mobile Apps:

 The **SaferWatch app** enhances school safety and provides a direct line to communicate with local law enforcement and school officials.

- Report crime, suspicious activity, threats and non-emergency incidents
- Send photos and videos directly to law enforcement



Learn more at saferwatchapp.com/browardschools.

 The **FortifyFL app** is a suspicious activity reporting tool that routes your tip report to law enforcement and school officials.

- Report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities
- Provide a description of the threat, share photos and videos



Learn more at getfortifyfl.com.

WELLNESS POLICY

The overall health of a child directly impacts his or her ability to perform academically. In other words, healthy and fit students do better in school. The District has a program that involves all grades at all schools incorporating health, wellness, nutrition and physical conditioning into the regular curriculum.

The vision of the program is for all schools to have a comprehensive system of learning supports that prepares students to be productive and healthy adults who can be supportive of our community. The Wellness Plan includes eight focus areas that create a system of supports so all students can achieve at their highest potential.

Health Education provides a curriculum for all grades to address physical, emotional and social aspects of health, while emphasizing developmental assets and reducing risk factors.

Physical Education focuses on the development of motor/athletic skills and issues related to teamwork and fair play, nutrition and physical fitness and positive attitudes. Health Services ensures that students who require health assistance are identified and referred to a provider to address their needs – prevention and control, screenings, first aid, health education, consultation, counseling services and more.

Nutrition Services provides students with access to a variety of meals that meet the nutrition needs of all students. School meals reflect the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans to achieve nutrition integrity. Behavioral Health services are provided to improve a student's mental, emotional and social health, which in turn, improves educational achievement and behavior. Services include prevention programs, assessments, counseling, referrals and more, provided by the District or its partner agencies.

A healthy school environment is the physical surroundings, the climate and culture of a school; including temperature, noise, lighting, air and more. Health Promotion for staff encourages all school-based employees to pursue healthy lifestyles. As health improves, staff morale increases and creates positive role modeling for students.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

Bullying means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. The School Board of Broward County, Florida has approved the first school district Anti-Bullying Policy in the state. The policy specifically prohibits bullying of or by any District student or employee, and requires teachers and staff to utilize a variety of prevention and intervention activities and includes tools and resources that create environments of safety and respect and expectations of appropriate behavior. Bullying Report Forms are available online at browardschools.com/anti-bullying.

BILINGUAL PARENT OUTREACH OFFICE

The Bilingual Parent Outreach office provides a multitude of services to bilingual parents, English Language Learner (ELL) students and community organizations so that the integration of bilingual families to our regular school communities is assured. Families are provided with information about our educational system, community services, preparing students for successful high school and college careers and assistance in navigating the many resources available to them to make informed academic decisions. Support and training is also offered to the ESOL Leadership Council, a parent group that represents ELL students and parents at the District, State and National level. Information and presentations are provided in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. For more information, contact us at 754-321-2951 or via email, esolparents@browardschools.com. Visit the ESOL website at browardschools.com/esol.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter Schools are a recent innovation in public education. First implemented in Minnesota in 1991, charter schools are public schools holding state or local agency contracts to meet specified student achievement goals.

In return, the charter school is allocated public educational funds for a stated period of time. Charter Schools are waived from all state statutes except those involving civil rights and health, welfare and safety of students. Broward County has 89 Charter Schools.

For details, call the District's Charter School office at 754-321-2135.

CAREER, TECHNICAL & ADULT EDUCATION

(See p. 18).

SCHOOL CLIMATE & DISCIPLINE (Formerly Diversity, Prevention and Intervention)

School Climate & Discipline Department's goal is to lead the change for all BCPS students in achieving lifelong academic, behavioral, social and emotional success.

School Climate & Discipline employs culturally competent professionals specifically trained on the many subject areas that fall under the 6 strands of prevention. The 6 strands of prevention are Diversity, Health and Wellness, Instructional Strategies, Substance Abuse Prevention, Violence Prevention, and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)/Academic & Behavioral Supports. For more information visit browardschools.com/browardprevention.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Students enter the school system with varying levels of English language proficiency. The goal of the ESOL Program is to ensure that all students receive comparable and comprehensible instruction. This instruction helps ELL students to develop communicative and academic skills necessary for meeting national, state, and district educational standards.

All schools with students classified as English Language Learners (ELL) must provide an appropriate ESOL program to meet the specific students' needs in language learning, academic achievement, and in cultural integration. Students in the ESOL program are required to meet the same curriculum standards as non-ELLs in English/Language Arts and content area instruction. The content of the curriculum is established by the Common Core Standards. ESOL strategies, supplemental materials, and native language assistance are used to ensure that comprehensible instruction is being provided to every ELL. Call 754-321-2590 for more details or visit browardschools.com/bilingual-esol.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT (ESLS)

(See p. 18, 35)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Students from all around the world participate in Broward County Public Schools Foreign Exchange Student Program. This program provides foreign exchange students with an American experience, giving them a more balanced understanding of our country. They encourage new perspectives for the school's own students that open their minds to the world. More importantly, these connections help teenagers on both sides of the exchange grow and gain maturity. These cross-cultural experiences offer unique opportunities for American schools to help their students and communities by learning firsthand about other cultures and customs and gaining new perspectives of our country and the world.

Potential host families/exchange students should visit the Broward County Public Schools Foreign Exchange website at browardschools.com/foreignexchange or call 754-321-1675 for information.

Broward County Public Schools does not recommend or assist in the selection of an Organization or Host Family.

GIFTED PROGRAMS

The State of Florida defines a gifted student as "one who has superior intellectual development and is capable of high performance." By recognizing the special needs of gifted learners, the District is committed to providing programs designed to meet their unique talents and abilities.

All students in Grade 2 undergo Universal Screening to identify those eligible for gifted services. The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is given to all Grade 2 students in the spring. Results from the CogAT are used for general instructional purposes as well as to provide a list of students who should be considered, along with other data, for gifted eligibility.

Each school in the District has a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of its gifted students. Services are provided in the core content areas, depending on students' needs. Gifted services, however, are not limited to curriculum and learning environment. Other services must be provided based on the individual needs of the students.

For more information, please contact the Gifted Services Coordinator at 754-321-2620 or visit browardschools.com/gifted.

HOME EDUCATION

If you decide to establish and maintain a home education program for your child, you will be governed by Florida statutes regarding compulsory school age attendance laws as they relate to home education.

A student must be of school age to be enrolled in Home Education. The law requires the custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) of home education students to:

- Submit a letter of intent within 30 days of establishing a home education program
- Maintain a portfolio containing work samples and a log of educational activities
- Provide an Annual Evaluation as specified in the Florida statutes
- Annually report the evaluation results by sending them to the Home Education Office
- Preserve each student's portfolio for two years and make it available for inspection by the Superintendent's designee, with a 15-day written notice
- Submit a Notice of Termination within 30 days of concluding a home education program

Information about establishing a program, annual evaluations, dual enrollment opportunities, termination, helpful websites, etc. may be found online at browardschools.com/homeed or call 754-321-1558 for more details.



HOMELESS EDUCATION SERVICES (HEART)

The Homeless Education Program identifies homeless students and removes barriers to their education. The program maintains the school as the student's stable environment. It addresses school enrollment, transportation and reassignments and provides students with supplemental academic and counseling case management services, as well as connections to their school social worker.

All homeless students are eligible for free meals. They are also given exceptions to normal enrollment, boundary, immunization and transportation procedures. All homeless children are given a 30-day grace period for all enrollment documentation, including school physicals and immunizations.

Depending on your living situation, you may be eligible for services through this program. Call 754-321-1566 for details or visit browardschools.com/heart.



JOHN MCKAY SCHOLARSHIPS

The John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities was created to provide educational options for parents of disabled students living in Florida. By participating in the McKay Scholarship Program, your student may be able to attend a different public school in your district, attend a public school in an neighboring district, or receive a scholarship to attend a participating private school.

In order to be eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program, a student must be public school student, have an Individual Education plan (IEP), and:

- Have been enrolled and reported for funding in a public school for the year prior to applying for the scholarship (grades K-12);
- or
- Have been a prekindergarten student who was enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the year prior to applying for the scholarship;
- or
- Have attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the preceding school year's student membership surveys (grades K-12).

Applications and other information relating to the John M. McKay Scholarship program is available online. If you have questions, please call 754-321-3445.



MAGNET AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

See Pages 15 (elementary), 17 (middle) and 21 (high).

MILITARY DEPENDENTS

Military Dependent Students (U.S. Southern Command Child Youth Services)

Military families are frequently reassigned or move between posts on a regular basis. While these reassignments can be great for the enlisted parents, they often cause hardship and stress on the children of those military families. Military children face the prospect of losing friends, adjusting to new cities and of course, changing schools. Recognizing this, several states, including Florida, have signed an Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to ensure that the children of military families are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals.

Specific impacts on military children include:

- Transferring of Records
- Course Selection
- Different Graduation Requirements
- Exclusion from Extra-Curricular Activities
- Redundant or Missed Entrance/Exit Testing Kindergarten and First Grade Entrance Age Variations
- Power of Custodial Parents While Parents are Deployed

The District works closely with U.S. Southern Command to ensure that students who are military dependents receive the necessary support as they transition from other school districts into Broward County Public Schools. Special accommodations are made for dependents of active military personnel. Documentation of "active" military status may be required.

Currently, Broward County supports transitions for the children of several hundred military families. Procedures for accommodating the needs of transitioning students or military dependents are already in place throughout the District. Accommodations vary from program to program. In many cases, registration deadlines for school placement, entrance into educational programs, classes, athletics, vocational programs, transfers, and immunizations can be extended. In addition, accommodations and/or flexibility may be available for attendance issues resulting from students visiting deployed parents.

For details, contact Student Services at 754-321-1557 or Child and Youth Services, U.S. Southern Command, at 305-437-1000 or visit browardschools.com/militaryfamilies.

MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The focus of Multicultural Education is to promote global education and a better understanding among cultures. It encompasses contemporary issues such as pluralism, cross cultural understanding, multilingual/multicultural society, ethnic and gender studies, and global education. Multicultural Education involves the past and present challenges of desegregation and integration, prejudice, racism, oppression, and citizen apathy. It includes examination of morals, ethics, values, and citizenship within ethnic and gender communities and the society at large.

The State of Florida has passed several statutes requiring schools to address multicultural issues such as the Holocaust History, African and African American History, and Hispanic and Women's Contributions to the United States. These topics and more are included in the District's Multicultural Education program.



NOVA SCHOOLS

Nova Schools' vision is to become a K-12 national model for literacy by providing training to pre-service and experienced educators in a diverse learning community which will result in maximum student achievement. Nova Schools include the following facilities:

- Nova Blanche Forman Elementary
- Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary
- Nova Middle School
- Nova High School

These schools attract K-12 students countywide. Student achievement is the major focus. Teachers consult with a consortium of local universities to conduct, share and implement research. The teachers also receive intensive training from the Nova Center.

The Nova Schools' goal is for all students to succeed emotionally, socially, and academically by creating an environment that challenges students appropriately and supports a continuity of caring.

Any Broward County resident student is eligible to attend the Nova Schools if an application is completed and submitted by the deadline. Admission, however, is an intricate selection process. Applications are accepted only between December and February.

Applications are available online at browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

School Climate & Discipline (Formerly Diversity, Prevention and Intervention) employs culturally competent family counselors and prevention specialists who provide violence and substance abuse education, mental health services, and appropriate referral, treatment, and follow-up services to students and their families. If you are interested in free, school based counseling services, call 754-321-1655.

School Climate & Discipline developed a Positive

School Culture/Bullying Prevention Program to support the District's Anti-Bullying Policy (see "Anti-Bullying Policy" on p. 25).

School Climate & Discipline also presents numerous workshops and events throughout the community, in cooperation with various community partners. For more information, visit browardschools.com/browardprevention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND FAMILY COUNSELING

The District has a team of school psychologists who consult with school staff and parents, coordinate responses in times of crisis, and assist in providing services to students with disabilities. These professionals are available to help parents deal with a number of common childhood issues.

The Family Counseling Program offers free short-term counseling, crisis intervention and consultation. Individual, family, and group counseling services are available. Any family that resides in Broward County and has a school-aged child enrolled in school is eligible to receive services. The program is designed to intervene during elementary/middle/high school years with students considered "at risk" academically, behaviorally and/or socially to prevent future dysfunction such as alcohol and drug abuse, school dropout and delinquency. Problems addressed include school-related issues, minor substance abuse, mild depression, family communication problems, adjustment reactions to significant family changes, and interpersonal difficulties. Each counseling center maintains a schedule that provides both day and evening office hours.

To request counseling services, call 754-321-1590. For more information, visit browardschools.com/student-services.



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND ATTENDANCE

The School Social Work and Attendance Department makes a positive impact on student achievement by addressing and removing barriers to learning. To ensure that all students have access to the wide array of services provided by the department, a professional social worker is assigned to every school.

The school social worker functions as a liaison between the school, family, and community. He or she intervenes as part of the schools' Collaborative Problem-Solving Team or Crisis Team, and also provides training and teacher consultation regarding truancy, child abuse, homelessness, teenage pregnancy, mental health concerns, dependency, and delinquency issues. For more information visit browardschools.com/schoolsocialwork.

SEDNET

The Service Network for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children and Youth (SEDNET) now known as Emotional Behavioral Disability (EBD) is managed by the Florida Department of Education. This multi-agency network is designed to improve the service delivery system to Florida children who are experiencing serious emotional disturbances. Locally, the District cooperates with the Department of Children and Families, Department of Juvenile Justice, parents/caregivers, children's agencies, community mental health centers and other organizations that serve children and adolescents who are emotionally disabled or those at risk of emotional disability.

SEDNET assists families and community members in navigating educational programs, community and school based mental health treatment programs, and residential services that may be available to meet the

multiple needs of youth who meet criteria for EBD or are at risk of EBD. SEDNET is not a service delivery but a focus on assistance to families in the navigation of services in the community and school. To receive more information about SEDNET please call 754-321-3421.

TEEN PARENT PROGRAM

Specialized school social workers in the Student Services Office deliver counseling, case management, and family support services to pregnant and parenting students who remain in their home schools. They coordinate with medical, child care, social services and mental health service agencies to ensure these students receive needed services. Parenting skills and academic/vocational counseling are coordinated at the school sites to support academic achievement and successful high school graduation.

To access services through your home school, call the School Social Work/Student Services Office at 754-321-1618.

YOUTH SERVICES – SOUTHERN COMMAND

See "Military Dependents," (p.28).



TITLE 1, MIGRANT & OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

TITLE I

Title I is a federally funded program for economically disadvantaged children who live in school attendance areas with a high concentration of children from low income families. Title I provides funding for extra instruction to raise students' achievement levels. Title I provides funding for instructional and support staff who directly contribute to the education of these children and their parents. A list of Title I schools is available online at browardschools.com/title1.

TITLE I SERVICES FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Students living in designated Title I attendance areas but who attend non-public schools may be eligible for Title I services provided by the District. Students selected to receive these services are failing or at risk of failing to meet high levels of achievement. The non-public school they attend must meet qualifications for requesting and receiving federally funded Title I services.

A list of qualified nonpublic schools is available online at browardschools.com/title1, click on private schools link on the left side. For details, call 754-321-1400.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Schools that receive a state grade of "F" or three consecutive grades of "D" come under what the Federal Government calls school improvement status. All students who are enrolled in these schools are eligible for school choice through the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). This includes incoming sixth grade to middle school or kindergarten students who are registered to attend that elementary school. Under OSP, parents must be offered a choice of at least two schools other than the child's home school. These can include schools with a grade of C or better.

School Choice is just that, a choice. Parents may also choose to let their child remain in their school. It is important to remember that just because a school does not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) does not mean that children are not being successful.

If you have questions about School Choice, please contact your child's school or Innovative Programs at 754-321-2070 or visit browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

NEGLECTED AND DELINQUENT STUDENTS PROGRAMS

Students who live in homes for neglected youth participate in the regular academic program at their assigned public schools. Students who are identified as needing additional academic assistance receive supplemental after-school tutorial services provided by a certified teacher funded through Title I.

For students residing in institutions for delinquent youth, Title I funds the services of paraprofessionals or retired teachers to assist with language arts and mathematics skills under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Transition specialists play a key role in assisting students who are exiting the Delinquent Program. They ensure that students have a seamless transition back to their home school or the appropriate placement. All services are coordinated with the local dropout prevention program, juvenile justice system, existent health services, and other educational programs designed to meet the particular needs of at-risk youth. For details, call 754-321-2480.

MIGRANT EDUCATION

Millions of farm workers and their families travel across the country each year to cultivate and harvest the fruits and vegetables that feed our nation. It is not unusual for farm worker families to move several times a year following the crops. Though the labor of these workers is essential to the U.S. agricultural industry, their average income is below the poverty level.

The Broward County Migrant Education Program provides for the unmet needs of children of migratory agricultural workers and migratory fishermen. Services include:

- The Early Intervention Preschool Program at Robert C. Markham Elementary School in Pompano Beach for children aged 3-4,
- Identification and recruitment of migratory families into the program
- Advocacy and coordination services including help with school enrollment, referrals to community agencies, and more
- Family engagement programs. Two Migrant Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings are held annually.

For details on the Migrant Education Program, call 754-321-1414 or visit browardschools.com/migranteducation.



STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

"Volunteer For Your School And The District"

BCPS MOBILE APP

The BCPS Mobile App allows parents and families to stay connected in real-time with information on students' academic performance, account balances, bus pick-up and drop-off times and so much more.

See your child's personalized information through your smart device anytime, anywhere. You can receive information via text, email, or phone. Registration is required to receive secure student specific information. Visit browardschools.com/mobileapp to register.

NAVIANCE

Broward County Public Schools offers access to Naviance for all District students in grades 6-12 to help with college and career planning!

This world-class system is designed to inform students, parents, and schools with: researching careers, colleges, and majors; finding local and national scholarships and enrichment programs; exploring students' career interests, learning styles, personality types, and multiple intelligences; building resumes and holistic portfolios for job and college applications; setting goals and developing personalized plans for success; requesting and sending electronic transcripts; and learning about success skills, financial planning, self-discovery, and building support network. For more information, visit browardschools.com/naviance.

PINNACLE

The Pinnacle Internet Viewer allows parents to view their children's grades and attendance record online, at any time. Visit browardschools.com/pinnacle for more information. (See p. 11).

RESEARCH AND HOMEWORK HELP

The Single Sign-On (Clever) Portal also offers applications to research and homework resources. The reference library includes online dictionaries, encyclopedias and databases; links to online newspapers, magazines and a catalog of all books and audiovisual materials available in Broward County Public Schools.

It's Broward's one-stop access to most of the website applications students' use. This currently includes access to Destiny, Discovery Education, Atomic Learning, Office 365 and more!

SINGLE SIGN-ON

Clever is the same Single Sign-on solution already used for over 40 different student applications. Now, it is easy to get all students' learning programs from one Launch Pad. To access, go to sso.browardschools.com.

VIRTUAL COUNSELOR

Parents can keep up with their child's school progress online by using Virtual Counselor. (See p. 12).



VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND THE DISTRICT

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Families play a major role in supporting student achievement. Throughout the child's educational experience from Pre-K through high school an engaged parent can make a major difference. Students need to know that their parent/caregiver is informed and interested. Located within the Student Services Department, the Broward County Public Schools Office of Family and Community Engagement offers a variety of information and resources to help parents and other family members support their children's educational progress in the school, home and community. Please visit browardschools.com/face for more information or call 754-321-1599.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Volunteer Services Department, a part of the Public Information Office, provides District-wide support and coordination to schools in order to build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, and District level. The Volunteer Services Department supports volunteer programs, organizes events to recognize and honor volunteers for their service and networks with other community-based volunteer programs.

For questions about volunteering at a specific school, contact the School Volunteer Liaison (SVL). The SVL coordinates and directs the volunteer program at your preferred school. For more information, visit browardschools.com/volunteer.

YOUTH MENTORING ACROSS BROWARD

Students who meet regularly with a mentor show remarkable improvements in school attendance, academic achievement, avoidance of risky behaviors and positive attitudes toward school. The research is clear, pairing a student with a caring adult or high achieving peer is extremely beneficial. By committing to only one hour a week at a school, mentors can have a major impact in a child's life.

Mentoring Across Broward, which operates within the Department of Equity and Diversity, uses a multi-tiered approach to leverage school and community-based mentoring resources to better serve the needs of students. Youth Mentoring Programs will continue to provide mentoring opportunities for individuals and organizations to meet one-on-one and in small groups with students on school campuses during the school day.

If you are interested in having your child matched with a mentor, contact your child's school. If you would like to become a mentor or for more information, call 754-321-1600 or visit browardschools.com/mentoring.



PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and other concerned adults discuss ways to promote quality education, strive to expand the arts, encourage community involvement, and work for a healthy environment and safe neighborhoods. Through involvement in the PTA, parents receive regular updates on activities in their child's school and the District, and can learn about education issues at the statewide and national levels, as well. Contact your local school for information about upcoming PTA events and opportunities to get involved.

PTO

Instead of a PTA, some schools have an independent Parent Teacher Organization which functions to support individual schools and their school improvement efforts. These organizations are independent and work within a particular school setting. To find out if your child's school has a PTO, or to get involved in the PTO, contact your local school.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Every school also has a School Advisory Council (SAC) that focuses on school improvement. The SAC studies the school's track record and develops an annual plan to improve education in vital areas such as student achievement, curriculum, safety and discipline. Contact your school to get involved.

SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

Every school has a School Advisory Forum (SAF) that is open to all members of the school and community. SAF participants plan, develop, and implement parent/ community programs and training activities; work to solve problems and initiative change; and build community support for the school. One member of the SAF is a voting member of the School Advisory Council. Each school sends a representative to the Area Advisory Council, which then elects Area representatives to DAC. Contact your school to get involved.

DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The District Advisory Council (DAC) advocates and promotes the highest quality of public education for students within our schools, areas, district and state by sustaining an effective network of parents, students, business, government, school, District staff and the community. The DAC acts as advisors, mentors, and advocates to both the District and to each school advisory council.



ESE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Advisory Council examines and makes recommendations to the District on the effectiveness of educational programs and services for students with exceptionalities.

The Council also provides a forum for parents of these students. The Council ensures that students with exceptionalities receive support and services by qualified professionals; access to ADA- compliant facilities; and access to extracurricular activities, clubs, and other services.

ESOL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Leadership Council is a vehicle for representation of parents of English Language Learners (ELLs) and serves as the liaison support to parents, schools, and community by promoting receptivity, acceptance, and awareness of multicultural issues. It is composed primarily of parents of ELLs and has members representing multi-ethnic backgrounds. Representatives to the council also include ELLs, parents, principals, teachers, and community representatives with support from the ESOL staff.

GIFTED ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Broward Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) is comprised of a group of parents, educators and others who assist in developing, identifying and assessing the educational needs, systemic issues, and priorities of gifted students and programs. The Council also promotes diversity so that students who are gifted are representative of the population of the District.

HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

The HS/EHS Policy Council consists of fifteen members. Parents elect twelve representatives from the HS/EHS Program, two community representatives, and the previous chairperson. The HS/EHS Program provides shared governance between the School Board of Broward County, Florida and the elected Policy Council Members.

HS/EHS parents participating in Policy Council make decisions related to policymaking, funding allocation, and program management.



CONTINUE YOUR OWN EDUCATION

CAREER, TECHNICAL, ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

(See p. 18).

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Broward Community Schools are dedicated to providing our diverse community of learners with lifelong learning opportunities. Gain new skills, discover your creative side, enjoy a sport, stay healthy, and a lot more. Hundreds of classes are awaiting you at the Broward Community Schools conveniently located throughout the county. For details, call 754-321-7600 or visit browardcommunityschools.com.

FAMILY LITERACY

The District provides many opportunities for parents and children to learn together. Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE) Family Literacy programs bring parents who want to learn English or obtain a high school diploma together with their preschool to 5th grade children. Parents study for their GED and/or learn English, and improve employability skills.

While improving their skills, parents actively participate in supporting their children's learning and success in school.

To qualify for the Family Literacy Program, parents and guardians must be 16 years old or older; enrolled in English or GED® classes; participate in parenting skills training; participate in activities to help their children learn; and be available to regularly attend class during program hours. For locations and information call 754-321-7600.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Through Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE), the District provides programs and services to thousands of economically and ethnically diverse adults and children every year. Programs are designed to improve the employability of the workforce through Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education, General Educational Development (GED®), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Family/Intergenerational Literacy, Adults with Disabilities, and Advanced Academics instruction. Community Education programs provide academic, recreational, health, cultural, artistic, social science, and parenting preparation programs. Visit browardschools.com/ctace for more information or call 754-321-8400.



BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

BROWARD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Broward Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support educational excellence in Broward County Public Schools. The Foundation offers scholarships to graduating seniors with financial need; helps attract and retain quality teachers by offering grants to develop innovative and effective teaching practices; provides classroom supplies for needy students; and offers tuition reimbursement for classroom support personnel, among many other valuable programs. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of community leaders. For more information visit browardedfoundation.org.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCREENING COMMITTEE

Program Screening and Review Public Information Office manages the Superintendent's Screening Committee (also called Program Screening and Review). This Committee serves as the single point of entry for outside organizations that are interested in providing programs or distributing educational information and materials directly to Broward County Public Schools and/or students. The Superintendent's Screening Committee reviews each request individually, and responds in writing to the applicant. Each school year, approximately 1,000 applications are received and reviewed. The Screening Application is available online at browardschools.com/ssp and can be submitted by email, fax or US mail. For more information, call 543-321-2300.



IMPORTANT DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Switchboard.....	754-321-0000
Anonymous Tip Line	754-321-0911
Applied Learning	754-321-1851
Athletics.....	754-321-2550
BCPS Info Hotline	754-321-0321
Before & After School Child Care	754-321-3330
Bilingual & ESOL	754-321-2590
Broward Virtual School	754-321-6050
Career, Technical & Adult/Community Education	754-321-8400
Charter Schools Support	754-321-2135
Community Relations	754-321-2300
Community Schools & GED	754-321-7600
Early Learning/School Readiness	754-321-1961
Elementary Learning (K-5).....	754-321-1850
Emergency Hotline	754-321-0911
Equal Educational Opportunities	754-321-2150
Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS)	754-321-3400
Family and Community Engagement	754-321-1599
Food & Nutrition Services	754-321-0215
Gifted	754-321-2620
Head Start/Early Intervention.....	754-321-1961
Home Education	754-321-1558
Homeless Education	754-321-1566
Innovative Learning	754-321-2620
JROTC	754-322-0300
Legislative Affairs.....	754-321-2608
Literacy K-5	754-321-1866
Magnet and Innovative Programs.....	754-321-2070
McKay Scholarships	754-321-3445
Mentoring Programs	754-321-1668
Parent Concerns (Office of Service Quality)	754-321-3636
Psychological Services	754-321-3440
Public Information Office	754-321-2300
Public Records Requests	754-321-1925
Rumor Control Hotline	754-321-0321
Safety.....	754-321-4200
School Choice.....	754-321-2480
School Counseling and BRACE Advisement	754-321-1675
School Police/Special Investigative Unit	754-321-0735
School Social Work Services.....	754-321-1618
Secondary Learning (6-12)	754-321-2119
Student Activities	754-321-1200
Student Assessment & Testing.....	754-321-2500
Student Health Services.....	754-321-1576
Student Services	754-321-1550
Student Support Initiatives.....	754-321-1660
Student Transportation	754-321-4400
Title I, Migrant & Special Programs.....	754-321-1400
Transcripts & Diplomas (Record Retention)	754-321-3150
Volunteer Services.....	754-321-2300

SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School	Address	Phone	Fax
Atlantic West	301 NW 69 Terrace, Margate 33063	754-322-5300	754-322-5340
Banyan	8800 NW 50 Street, Sunrise 33351	754-322-5350	754-322-5390
Bayview	1175 Middle River Drive, Fort Lauderdale 33304	754-322-5400	754-322-5440
Beachside Montessori Village	2230 Lincoln Street, Hollywood 33020	754-323-8050	754-323-8090
Bennett	1755 NE 14 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33304	754-322-5450	754-322-5490
Bethune, Mary M.	2400 Meade Street, Hollywood 33020	754-323-4900	754-323-4940
Boulevard Heights	7201 Johnson Street, Hollywood 33024	754-323-4950	754-323-4990
Broadview	1800 SW 62 Avenue, North Lauderdale 33068	754-322-5500	754-322-5540
Broward Estates	441 NW 35 Avenue, Lauderhill 33311	754-322-5550	754-322-5590
Broward Virtual	1400 NW 44 Avenue, Coconut Creek 33066	754-321-6050	754-321-6065
Castle Hill	2640 NW 46 Avenue, Lauderhill 33313	754-322-5600	754-322-5640
Central Park	777 N. Nob Hill Road, Plantation 33322	754-322-5700	754-322-5740
Challenger	5703 NW 94 Avenue, Tamarac 33321	754-322-5750	754-322-5790
Chapel Trail	19595 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines 33029	754-323-5000	754-323-5040
Coconut Creek	500 NW 45 Avenue, Coconut Creek 33066	754-322-5800	754-322-5840
Coconut Palm	13601 Monarch Lakes Blvd., Miramar 33027	754-323-5050	754-323-5090
Colbert Museum Magnet	2702 Funston Street, Hollywood 33020	754-323-5100	754-323-5140
Collins	1050 NW 2 Street, Dania Beach 33004	754-323-5150	754-323-5175
Cooper City	5080 SW 92 Avenue, Cooper City 33328	754-323-5200	754-323-5240
Coral Cove	5100 SW 148 Avenue, Miramar 33027	754-323-7950	754-323-7990
Coral Park	8401 Westview Drive, Coral Springs 33067	754-322-5850	754-322-5890
Coral Springs	3601 NW 110 Avenue, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-5900	754-322-5940
Country Hills	10550 Westview Drive, Coral Springs 33076	754-322-5950	754-322-5990
Country Isles	2300 Country Isles Road, Weston 33326	754-323-5250	754-323-5290
Cresthaven	801 NE 25 Street, Pompano Beach 33064	754-322-6000	754-322-6040
Croissant Park	1800 SW Fourth Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33315	754-323-5300	754-323-5340
Cypress	851 SW Third Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-6050	754-322-6090
Dania	300 SE Second Avenue, Dania Beach 33004	754-323-5350	754-323-5390
Davie	7025 SW 39 Street, Davie 33314	754-323-5400	754-323-5440
Deerfield Beach	650 NE First Street, Deerfield Beach 33441	754-322-6100	754-322-6140
Deerfield Park	650 SW Third Avenue, Deerfield Beach 33441	754-322-6150	754-322-6190
Dillard	2330 NW 12 Court, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-6200	754-322-6240
Discovery	8800 NW 54 Court, Sunrise 33351	754-322-9100	754-322-9140
Dolphin Bay	16450 Miramar Parkway, Miramar 33027	754-323-8000	754-323-8040
Drew, Charles	1000 NW 31 Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-6250	754-322-6290
Driftwood	2700 NW 69 Avenue, Hollywood 33024	754-323-5450	754-323-5490
Eagle Point	100 Indian Trace, Weston 33326	754-323-5500	754-323-5540
Eagle Ridge	11500 Westview Drive, Coral Springs 33076	754-322-6300	754-322-6340
Embassy Creek	10905 SE Lake Boulevard, Cooper City 33026	754-323-5550	754-323-5590
Endeavour Primary Learning Center	2701 NW 56 Avenue, Lauderhill 33313	754-321-6600	754-321-6640
Everglades	2900 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston 33331	754-323-5600	754-323-5640
Fairway	7850 Fairway Boulevard, Miramar 33023	754-323-5650	754-323-5690
Flamingo	1130 SW 133 Avenue, Davie 33325	754-323-5700	754-323-5740
Floranada	5251 NE 14 Way, Fort Lauderdale 33334	754-322-6350	754-322-6390
Forest Hills	3100 NW 85 Avenue, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-6400	754-322-6440
Foster, Stephen	3471 SW 22 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33312	754-323-5750	754-323-5790
Fox Trail	1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324	754-323-5800	754-323-5840

SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School	Address	Phone	Fax
Gator Run	1101 Glades Parkway, Weston 33327	754-323-5850	754-323-5890
Griffin	5050 SW 116 Avenue, Cooper City 33330	754-323-5900	754-323-5940
Hallandale	900 SW 8 Street, Hallandale Beach 33009	754-323-5950	754-323-5990
Harbordale	900 SE 15 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33316	754-323-6050	754-323-6090
Hawkes Bluff	5900 SW 160 Avenue, Davie 33331	754-323-6100	754-323-6140
Heron Heights	11010 Nob Hill Road, Parkland 33076	754-322-9150	754-322-9190
Hollywood Central	1700 Monroe Street, Hollywood 33020	754-323-6150	754-323-6190
Hollywood Hills	3501 Taft Street, Hollywood 33021	754-323-6200	754-323-6240
Hollywood Park	901 N. 69 Way, Hollywood 33024	754-323-6250	754-323-6290
Horizon	2101 Pine Island Road, Sunrise 33322	754-322-6450	754-322-6490
Hunt, James S.	7800 NW 35 Court, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-6500	754-322-6540
Indian Trace	400 Indian Trace, Weston 33326	754-323-6300	754-323-6340
King, Martin Luther	591 NW 31 Avenue, Lauderhill 33311	754-322-6550	754-322-6590
Lake Forest	3550 SW 48 Avenue, Pembroke Park 33023	754-323-6350	754-323-6390
Lakeside	900 NW 136 Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33028	754-323-6400	754-323-6440
Larkdale	3250 NW 12 Pl., Lauderhill 33311	754-322-6600	754-322-6640
Lauderhill Paul Turner	1500 NW 49 Avenue, Lauderhill 33313	754-322-6700	754-322-6740
Liberty	2450 Banks Road, Margate 33063	754-322-6750	754-322-6790
Lloyd Estates	750 NW 41 Street, Oakland Park 33309	754-322-6800	754-322-6840
Manatee Bay	19200 SW 36 Street, Weston 33332	754-323-6450	754-323-6490
Maplewood	9850 Ramblewood Drive, Coral Springs 33071	754-322-6850	754-322-6890
Margate	6300 NW 18 Street, Margate 33063	754-322-6900	754-322-6940
Markham, C. Robert	1501 NW 15 Avenue, Pompano Beach 33069	754-322-6950	754-322-6990
Marshall, Thurgood	800 NW 13 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-7000	754-322-7040
McNab	1350 SE 9 Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-7050	754-322-7090
Meadowbrook	2300 SW 46 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33317	754-323-6500	754-323-6540
Miramar	6831 SW 26 Street, Miramar 33023	754-323-6550	754-323-6590
Mirror Lake	1200 NW 72 Avenue, Plantation 33313	754-322-7100	754-322-7140
Morrow	408 SW 76 Terrace, North Lauderdale 33068	754-322-7150	754-322-7190
Nob Hill	2100 NW 104 Avenue, Sunrise 33322	754-322-7200	754-322-7240
Norcrest	3951 NE 16 Avenue, Pompano Beach 33064	754-322-7250	754-322-7290
North Andrews Gardens	345 NE 56 Street, Oakland Park 33334	754-322-7300	754-322-7340
North Fork	101 NW 15 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-7350	754-322-7390
North Lauderdale	7500 Kimberly Blvd., North Lauderdale 33068	754-322-7400	754-322-7440
North Side	120 NE 11 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33304	754-322-7450	754-322-7490
Nova Blanche Forman	3521 SW Davie Road, Davie 33314	754-323-6600	754-323-6640
Nova Dwight D. Eisenhower	6501 SW 39 Street, Davie 33314	754-323-6650	754-323-6690
Oakland Park	936 NE 33 Street, Oakland Park 33334	754-322-7500	754-322-7540
Oakridge	1507 N. 28 Avenue, Hollywood 33020	754-323-6700	754-323-6740
Orange Brook	715 S. 46 Avenue, Hollywood 33021	754-323-6750	754-323-6790
Oriole	3081 NW 39 Street, Lauderdale Lakes 33309	754-322-7550	754-322-7590
Palm Cove	11601 Washington Street, Pembroke Pines 33025	754-323-6800	754-323-6840
Palmview	2601 NE First Avenue, Pompano Beach 33064	754-322-7600	754-322-7640
Panther Run	801 NW 172 Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33029	754-323-6850	754-323-6890
Park Lakes	3925 State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319	754-322-7650	754-322-7690
Park Ridge	5200 NE Ninth Avenue, Deerfield Beach 33064	754-322-7700	754-322-7740
Park Springs	5800 NW 66 Terrace, Coral Springs 33067	754-322-7750	754-322-7790

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School	Address	Phone	Fax
Park Trails	10700 Trails End, Parkland 33076	754-322-7800	754-322-7840
Parkside	10257 NW 29 Street, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-7850	754-322-7890
Pasadena Lakes	8801 Pasadena Blvd., Pembroke Pines 33024	754-323-6900	754-323-6940
Pembroke Lakes	11251 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines 33026	754-323-6950	754-323-6990
Pembroke Pines	6700 SW Ninth Street, Pembroke Pines 33023	754-323-7000	754-323-7040
Perry, Annabel C.	6850 SW 34 Street, Miramar 33023	754-323-7050	754-323-7090
Peters	851 NW 68 Avenue, Plantation 33317	754-322-7900	754-322-7940
Pines Lakes	10300 Johnson Street, Pembroke Pines 33026	754-323-7100	754-323-7140
Pinewood	1600 SW 83 Avenue, North Lauderdale 33068	754-322-7950	754-322-7990
Plantation	651 NW 42 Avenue, Plantation 33317	754-322-8000	754-322-8040
Plantation Park	875 SW 54 Avenue, Plantation 33317	754-323-7150	754-323-7190
Pompano Beach	700 NE 13 Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-8050	754-322-8090
Quiet Waters	4150 Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach 33442	754-322-8100	754-322-8140
Ramblewood	8950 Shadowwood Blvd., Coral Springs 33071	754-322-8150	754-322-8190
Riverglades	7400 Park Side Drive, Parkland 33067	754-322-8200	754-322-8240
Riverland	2600 SW 11 Court, Fort Lauderdale 33312	754-323-7200	754-323-7240
Riverside	11450 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs 33071	754-322-8250	754-322-8290
Rock Island	2350 NW 19 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-8300	754-322-8340
Royal Palm	1951 NW 56 Avenue, Lauderhill 33313	754-322-8350	754-322-8390
Sanders Park	800 NW 16 Street, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-8400	754-322-8440
Sandpiper	3700 Hiatus Road, Sunrise 33351	754-322-8450	754-322-8490
Sawgrass	12655 NW Eighth Street, Sunrise 33325	754-322-8500	754-322-8540
Sea Castle	9600 Miramar Boulevard, Miramar 33025	754-323-7250	754-323-7290
Sheridan Hills	5001 Thomas Street, Hollywood 33021	754-323-7300	754-323-7340
Sheridan Park	2310 N. 70 Terrace, Hollywood 33024	754-323-7350	754-323-7390
Silver Lakes	2300 SW 173 Avenue, Miramar 33029	754-323-7400	754-323-7440
Silver Palms	1209 NW 155 Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33028	754-323-7450	754-323-7490
Silver Ridge	9100 SW 36 Street, Davie 33328	754-323-7500	754-323-7540
Silver Shores	1701 SW 160 Avenue, Miramar 33027	754-323-7550	754-323-7590
Stirling	5500 Stirling Road, Hollywood 33021	754-323-7600	754-323-7640
Sunland Park	919 NW 13 Terrace, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-8550	754-322-8590
Sunset Lakes	18400 Southwest 25 Street, Miramar 33029	754-323-7650	754-323-7690
Sunshine	7737 W. LaSalle Boulevard, Miramar 33023	754-323-7700	754-323-7740
Tamarac	7601 University Drive, Tamarac 33321	754-322-8600	754-322-8640
Tedder	4157 NE First Terrace, Deerfield Beach 33064	754-322-8650	754-322-8690
Tradewinds	5400 Johnson Road, Coconut Creek 33073	754-322-8700	754-322-8740
Tropical	1500 SW 66 Avenue, Plantation 33317	754-323-7750	754-323-7790
Village	2100 NW 70 Avenue, Sunrise 33313	754-322-8750	754-322-8790
Walker	1001 NW Fourth Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-8800	754-322-8840
Watkins	3520 SW 52 Avenue, Pembroke Park 33023	754-323-7800	754-323-7840
Welleby	3230 Nob Hill Road, Sunrise 33351	754-322-8850	754-322-8890
West Hollywood	6301 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood 33024	754-323-7850	754-323-7890
Westchester	12405 Royal Palm Blvd., Coral Springs 33065	754-322-8900	754-322-8940
Westwood Heights	2861 SW Ninth Street, Fort Lauderdale 33312	754-323-7900	754-323-7940
Wilton Manors	2401 NE Third Avenue, Wilton Manors 33305	754-322-8950	754-322-8990
Winston Park	4000 Winston Park Blvd., Coconut Creek 33073	754-322-9000	754-322-9040
Young, Virginia Shuman	101 NE 11 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33301	754-322-9050	754-322-9090

SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

School	Address	Phone	Fax
Apollo	6800 Arthur Street, Hollywood 33024	754-323-2900	754-323-2985
Attucks	3500 N. 22 Avenue, Hollywood 33020	754-323-3000	754-323-3085
Bair	9100 NW 21 Manor, Sunrise 33322	754-322-2900	754-322-2985
Beachside Montessori Village	2230 Lincoln Street, Hollywood 33020	754-323-8050	754-323-8090
Broward Virtual	1400 NW 44. Avenue, Coconut Creek 33066	754-321-6050	754-321-6065
Coral Springs	10300 W. Wiles Road, Coral Springs 33076	754-322-3000	754-322-3085
Crystal Lake	3551 NE Third Avenue, Pompano Beach 33064	754-322-3100	754-322-3185
Dandy, William	2400 NW 26 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-3200	754-322-3285
Deerfield Beach	701 SE Sixth Avenue, Deerfield Beach 33441	754-322-3300	754-322-3385
Dillard 6-12	2501 NW 11 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-0800	754-322-0930
Driftwood	2751 N. 70 Terrace, Hollywood 33024	754-323-3100	754-323-3185
Falcon Cove	4251 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston 33332	754-323-3200	754-323-3285
Forest Glen	6501 Turtle Run Boulevard, Coral Springs 33067	754-322-3400	754-322-3485
Glades	16700 SW 48 Court, Miramar 33027	754-323-4600	754-323-4685
Gulfstream	120 SW 4 Avenue, Hallandale Beach 33009	754-323-4700	754-323-4785
Indian Ridge	1355 Nob Hill Road, Davie 33324	754-323-3300	754-323-3385
Lauderdale Lakes	3911 NW 30 Avenue, Lauderdale Lakes 33309	754-322-3500	754-322-3585
Lauderhill 6-12	1901 NW 49 Avenue, Lauderhill 33313	754-322-3600	754-322-3685
Lyons Creek	4333 Sol Press Boulevard, Coconut Creek 33073	754-322-3700	754-322-3785
Margate	500 NW 65 Avenue, Margate 33063	754-322-3800	754-322-3885
McNicol	1602 S. 27 Avenue, Hollywood 33020	754-323-3400	754-323-3485
Millennium	5803 NW 94 Avenue, Tamarac 33321	754-322-3900	754-322-3985
New Renaissance	10701 Miramar Boulevard, Miramar 33025	754-323-3500	754-323-3585
New River	3100 Riverland Road, Fort Lauderdale 33312	754-323-3600	754-323-3685
Nova	3602 College Avenue, Davie 33314	754-323-3700	754-323-3785
Olsen	330 SE 11 Terrace, Dania Beach 33004	754-323-3800	754-323-3885
Parkway	3600 NW Fifth Court, Lauderhill 33311	754-322-4000	754-322-4085
Perry, Henry D.	3400 Wildcat Way, Miramar 33023	754-323-3900	754-323-3985
Pines	200 NW Douglas Road, Pembroke Pines 33024	754-323-4000	754-323-4085
Pioneer	5350 SW 90 Avenue, Cooper City 33328	754-323-4100	754-323-4185
Plantation	6600 W. Sunrise Boulevard, Plantation 33313	754-322-4100	754-322-4185
Pompano Beach	310 NE Sixth Street, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-4200	754-322-4285
Ramblewood	8505 W. Atlantic Boulevard, Coral Springs 33071	754-322-4300	754-322-4385
Rickards, James S.	6000 NE Ninth Avenue, Oakland Park 33334	754-322-4400	754-322-4485
Sawgrass Springs	12500 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-4500	754-322-4585
Seminole	6200 SW 16 Street, Plantation 33317	754-323-4200	754-323-4285
Silver Lakes	7600 Tam O Shanter Blvd., N. Lauderdale 33068	754-322-4600	754-322-4685
Silver Trail	18300 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines 33331	754-323-4300	754-323-4385
Sunrise	1750 NE 14 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33304	754-322-4700	754-322-4785
Tequesta Trace	1800 Indian Trace, Weston 33326	754-323-4400	754-323-4485
Westglades	11000 Holmberg Road, Parkland 33076	754-322-4800	754-322-4835
Westpine	9393 NW 50 Street, Sunrise 33351	754-322-4900	754-322-4985
Young, Walter C.	901 NW 129 Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33028	754-323-4500	754-323-4585

SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOLS

School	Address	Phone	Fax
Anderson, Boyd	3050 NW 41 Street, Lauderdale Lakes 33309	754-322-0200	754-322-0330
Atlantic Technical	4700 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Coconut Creek 33063	754-321-5100	754-321-5380
Blanche Ely	1201 NW Sixth Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-0950	754-322-1080
Broward Virtual Education	1400 NW 44. Avenue, Coconut Creek 33066	754-321-6050	754-321-6065
Coconut Creek	1400 NW 44 Avenue, Coconut Creek 33066	754-322-0350	754-322-0481
College Academy @ BC	3501 SW Davie Road, Fort Lauderdale 33314	754-321-6900	754-321-6940
Cooper City	9401 Stirling Road, Cooper City 33328	754-323-0200	754-323-0330
Coral Glades	2700 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-1250	754-322-1380
Coral Springs	7201 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs 33065	754-322-0500	754-322-0630
Cypress Bay	18600 Vista Park Boulevard, Weston 33332	754-323-0350	754-323-0363
Deerfield Beach	910 SW 15 Street, Deerfield Beach 33441	754-322-0650	754-322-0780
Dillard 6-12	2501 NW 11 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33311	754-322-0800	754-322-0930
Everglades	17100 SW 48 Court, Miramar 33027	754-323-0500	754-323-0640
Flanagan, Charles W.	12800 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines 33028	754-323-0650	754-323-0780
Fort Lauderdale	1600 NE Fourth Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33305	754-322-1100	754-322-1230
Hallandale High School	720 NW Ninth Avenue, Hallandale Beach 33009	754-323-0900	754-323-1030
Hollywood Hills	5400 Stirling Road, Hollywood 33021	754-323-1050	754-323-1180
Lauderhill 6-12	1901 NW 49 Avenue, Lauderhill 33313	754-322-3600	754-322-3685
McArthur	6501 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood 33024	754-323-1200	754-323-1330
McFatter Technical	6500 Nova Drive, Davie 33317	754-321-5700	754-321-5980
Miramar	3601 SW 89 Avenue, Miramar 33025	754-323-1350	754-323-1480
Monarch	5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek 33073	754-322-1400	754-322-1530
Northeast	700 NE 56 Street, Oakland Park 33334	754-322-1550	754-322-1680
Nova	3600 College Avenue, Davie 33314	754-323-1650	754-323-1780
Piper	8000 NW 44 Street, Sunrise 33351	754-322-1700	754-322-1830
Plantation	6901 NW 16 Street, Plantation 33313	754-322-1850	754-322-1980
Pompano Beach	600 NE 13 Avenue, Pompano Beach 33060	754-322-2000	754-322-2130
Sheridan Technical	3775 SW 16 Street, Fort Lauderdale 33312	754-321-7450	754-321-7490
South Broward	1901 N. Federal Highway, Hollywood 33020	754-323-1800	754-323-1930
South Plantation	1300 Paladin Way, Plantation 33317	754-323-1950	754-323-2080
Stoneman Douglas	5901 Pine Island Road, Parkland. 33076	754-322-2150	754-322-2280
Stranahan	1800 SW Fifth Place, Fort Lauderdale 33312	754-323-2100	754-323-2230
Taravella, J.P.	10600 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs 33071	754-322-2300	754-322-2430
West Broward	500 NW 209 Avenue, Pembroke Pines 33029	754-323-2600	754-323-2730
Western	1200 SW 136 Avenue, Davie 33325	754-323-2400	754-323-2530

APPENDIX

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINES

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See [immunize.org/vis](https://www.immunize.org/vis).

1. What is Meningococcal Disease?

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness. It is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2 through 18 years old in the United States. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Meningococcal disease also causes blood infections. About 1,000 - 2,600 people get meningococcal disease each year in the U.S. Even when they are treated with antibiotics, 10-15% of these people die. Of those who survive, another 11-19% lose their arms or legs, become deaf, have problems with their nervous systems, become mentally retarded, or suffer seizures or strokes.

Anyone can get meningococcal disease. But it is most common in infants less than one year of age and people with certain medical conditions, such as lack of a spleen. College freshmen who live in dormitories, and teenagers 15-19 have an increased risk of getting meningococcal disease. Meningococcal infections can be treated with drugs such as penicillin. Still, about 1 out of every ten people who get the disease dies from it, and many others are affected for life. This is why preventing the disease through use of meningococcal vaccine is important for people at highest risk.

2. Meningococcal Vaccine

There are two kinds of meningococcal vaccine in the U.S.:

- **Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)** was licensed in 2005. It is the preferred vaccine for people 2 through 55 years of age.
- **Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4)** has been available since the 1970s. It may be used if MCV4 is not available, and is the only meningococcal vaccine licensed for people older than 55.

Both vaccines can prevent **4 types** of meningococcal disease, including 2 of the 3 types most common in the United States and a type that causes epidemics in Africa. Meningococcal vaccines cannot prevent all types of the disease. But they do protect many people who might become sick if they didn't get the vaccine.

Both vaccines work well, and protect about 90% of people who get them. MCV4 is expected to give better, longer-lasting protection.

MCV4 should also be better at preventing the disease from spreading from person to person.

3. Who Should Get Meningococcal Vaccine and When?

A dose of MCV4 is recommended for children and adolescents 11 through 18 years of age. This dose is normally given during the routine pre-adolescent immunization visit (at 11-12 years). But those who did not get the vaccine during this visit should get it at the earliest opportunity. Meningococcal vaccine is also recommended for other people at increased risk for meningococcal disease:

- College freshmen living in dormitories.
- Microbiologists who are routinely exposed to meningococcal bacteria.
- U.S. military recruits.
- Anyone traveling to, or living in, a part of the world where meningococcal disease is common, such as parts of Africa.
- Anyone who has a damaged spleen, or whose spleen has been removed.
- Anyone who has terminal complement component deficiency (an immune system disorder).
- People who might have been exposed to meningitis during an outbreak.

MCV4 is the preferred vaccine for people 2 through 55 years of age in these risk groups. MPSV4 can be used if MCV4 is not available and for adults over 55.

How Many Doses?

People 2 years of age and older should get 1 dose. Sometimes a second dose is recommended for people who remain at high risk. Ask your provider.

MPSV4 may be recommended for children 3 months to 2 years of age under special circumstances. These children should get 2 doses, 3 months apart.

4. Some People Should Not Get Meningococcal Vaccine or Should Wait

- Anyone who has ever had a severe (life-threatening) **allergic reaction to a previous dose** of either meningococcal vaccine should not get another dose.
- Anyone who has a severe (life threatening) **allergy to any vaccine component** should not get the vaccine. Tell your provider if you have any severe allergies.
- Anyone who is **moderately or severely ill** at the time the shot is scheduled should probably wait until they recover. Ask your provider. People with a mild illness can usually get the vaccine.
- Anyone who has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** should talk with their provider before getting MCV4.
- Meningococcal vaccines may be given to pregnant women. However, MCV4 is a new vaccine and has not been studied in pregnant women as much as MPSV4 has. It should be used only if clearly needed.
- Meningococcal vaccines may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

5. What are the Risks from Meningococcal Vaccines?

A vaccine, like any medicine, could possibly cause serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of meningococcal vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small.

Mild Problems

As many as half the people who get meningococcal vaccines have mild side effects, such as redness or pain where the shot was given. If these problems occur, they usually last for 1 or 2 days. They are more common after MCV4 than after MPSV4. A small percentage of people who receive the vaccine develop a fever.

Severe Problems

- Serious allergic reactions, within a few minutes to a few hours of the shot, are very rare.
- A serious nervous system disorder called **Guillain-Barré Syndrome (or GBS)** has been reported among some people who received MCV4. This happens so rarely that it is currently not possible to tell if the vaccine might be a factor. Even if it is, the risk is very small.

6. What if There is a Moderate or Severe Reaction?

What should I look for?

- Any unusual condition, such as a high fever, weakness, or behavior changes. Signs of a serious allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness.

What should I do?

- **Call** a doctor, or get the person to a doctor right away.
- **Tell** your doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given.
- **Ask** your doctor, nurse, or health department to report the reaction by filing a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form.

Or you can file this report through the VAERS web site at vaers.hhs.gov, or by calling **1-800-822-7967**.

VAERS does not provide medical advice.

7. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

A federal program exists to help pay for the care of any- one who has had a rare serious reaction to a vaccine.

For information about the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, call 1-800-338-2382 or visit their website at hrsa.gov/vaccine-compensation/index.html.

- Ask your doctor or nurse. They can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - **Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)**
 - Visit CDC's National Immunization Program website at cdc.gov/vaccines
 - Visit CDC's meningococcal disease website at cdc.gov/meningococcal
 - Visit CDC's Travelers' Health website at cdc.gov/travel



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT (ESLS)

Broward County Public Schools serve over 32,000 with disabilities and offers a free and appropriate public education in compliance with the federally mandated IDEA. A continuum of services and programs are available to meet the individual needs of students eligible for special education and related services, ages 3 through 22. This continuum of services may be provided in a variety of settings, which include general education classrooms, resource rooms, specialized day schools, and hospital homebound. Eligible students receive supports and/or services as documented on their Individual Education Plans (IEPs) that are based on each child's unique/specialized needs, as related to their levels of academic achievement and/or functional performance. In addition, 7300 students are eligible for accommodations under Section 504.

Exceptional Student Learning Support Division staff provides professional learning opportunities and instructional programming to facilitate high quality instruction for students with disabilities. Supplemental services are provided in collaboration with discretionary projects such as Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS), Florida Inclusion Network (FIN), and the Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET). For additional information and/or resources related to exceptional student education, contact 754-321-3400.

FDLRS Child Find

The Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Child Find Program provides free screening and assessments for children birth to age five in the areas of speech, language, motor, development, vision, hearing, and learning. All diagnostic services are provided at no cost to parents. In addition, books, videos and learning kits for loan are available to parents of children with special needs by contacting the FDLRS Media Center, 754-321-3428. To refer a child to FDLRS Child Find, contact the Child Find referral phone line at 754-321-7200 or complete an online referral form at browardschools.com/esls.

Broward ESE Advisory Council

The Broward ESE Advisory Council is a parent-driven volunteer group established under Broward County Public Schools policy to provide recommendations to the School Board and Superintendent on systemic issues relating to Exceptional Student Education. General meetings provide a forum for discussion, advice, guest speakers and presentations on topics of interest to parents of students with disabilities. Each meeting also features an opportunity for questions and answers with district personnel and subcommittee updates. For additional information regarding monthly meetings, contact ese.chair@gmail.com.

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parent Self-Assessment Checklist

Research shows that if parents are interested and involved in their child's education, the children will do better in school. Here are some ways you can help your child. It is suggested that you sit down with your child and do this assessment together. Give yourself a (check mark) for each one you plan to do this school.

▪ **Focus on Attitude**

- I/we stress the importance of education and doing one's best in school.
- I/we express belief in the child's ability to be successful.
- I/we help the child to set short and long term educational goals
- I/we celebrate child's academic accomplishments.

▪ **Focus on Academics**

- I/we supports reading with age appropriate home activities.
- I/we assure that home has a consistent time and place to do homework.
- I/we ensure that child has access to materials needed to complete assignments.
- I/we regularly discusses and asks to see work that the child is doing in school.
- I/we attend workshops on helping our children at home.

▪ **Focus on Behavior**

- I/we monitor television viewing of child.
- I/we teach and reinforce positive behaviors such as respect for self and others, hard work and responsibility.
- I/we am aware of and enforce school behavioral expectations.

▪ **Focus on Building Responsibility**

- I/we ensures that child has a regular routine.
- I/we encourages child to accept responsibility for his/her actions.
- I/we ensures that child is in attendance and on time to school each day.
- I/we monitors and promote child's participation in extracurricular and after school activities.

▪ **Focus on School/Home Connections**

- I/we communicate regularly with teacher in person, on the phone, by email or in writing.
- I/we prepare for and attend teacher conferences, Individualized Education Plans, Academic Improvement Plans, or other individualized student meetings.
- I/we attend open house, science fairs, plays, musical events, class trips, sporting events, curriculum nights, or other school activities.
- I/we volunteer in the school setting when possible.