

PARENTS' GUIDE TO BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

As Superintendent of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), I am always inspired by the incredible accomplishments of our students and schools. Through the efforts of our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff, as well as support from parents and all corners of our community, our students and schools consistently earn local, state and national recognition for their academic achievements, performing arts and athletic programs, volunteer efforts, and much more.

Providing students with high-quality educational experiences to ensure they are college and career ready is a priority for all of our schools. BCPS offers a wide variety of programs to meet students' interests and help them develop a lifelong love of learning. With rigorous academic courses, award-winning magnet and innovative programs, computer science at every level, scholastic chess for second and third grade students to develop their critical thinking skills, and digital classrooms initiatives providing personalized, blended learning environments, we are engaging students in ways that motivate them to learn.

BCPS also offers the largest debate and JROTC programs in the nation, opportunities for students to earn industry certifications in numerous career industries, advanced academic programs providing opportunities to earn college credits or participate in dual enrollment, virtual education programs, and Montessori options. There is truly something for everyone.

In addition, our District is committed to meeting students' social and emotional needs. BCPS provides students with resources to help empower them to set goals for their future, breakthrough challenges and become responsible members of our communities. Family and community engagement is also a critical component to students' success. BCPS, in partnership with community organizations, provides a full range of services to assist parents in supporting their child's education. By working together, we can ensure our students reach their highest potential.

There is valuable information in the Broward Family Resource Guide about our District and schools. You can also learn more by visiting the District's website, browardschools.com. I encourage you to explore all that Broward County Public Schools has to offer, and to get involved in the many school and District events that take place throughout the year. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to partner with you in your child's educational journey.

Sincerely,

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BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INFORMATION

MTSS/RtI Parent Guide



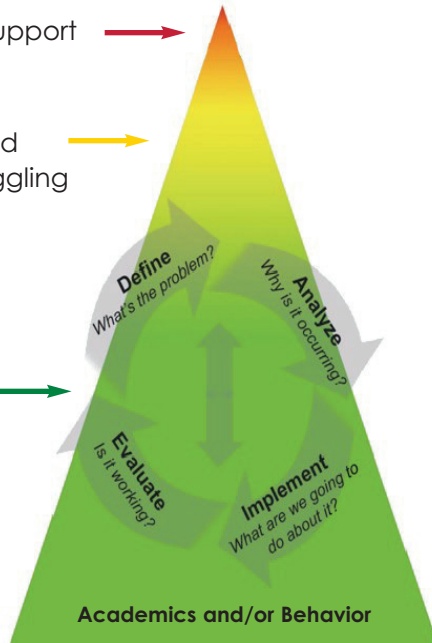
What is a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)?

MTSS is a term that refers to the way schools organize academic and behavior instruction so all students receive the support they need to be successful.

TIER III refers to intensive support a few students need.

TIER II refers to the targeted support given to some struggling students.

TIER I refers to the high quality instruction provided to ALL students.



How will MTSS/RtI impact my child?

- Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) ensures that your child receives varying levels of academic and behavior supports based upon his or her need
- Your child will be included in early identification of academic or behavioral problems so assistance can be provided at the first signs of difficulty.
- Help for your child will increase or decrease depending on his or her needs.
- You are encouraged to participate and become involved in planning and providing interventions to help your child.
- You will receive frequent updates of your child's progress

What do I do if I believe my child is struggling?

- Talk with your child's teacher.
- Review and assist with homework assignments.
- Ask for regular meetings with your child's teacher.
- Celebrate your child's successes.
- Learn more about the curriculum, assessments, and interventions being used in your child's school.
- Participate in conferences and problem-solving sessions for your child.

How can I participate in MTSS?

Families play a critical role in supporting what their children are learning in school. The more parents are involved in student learning, the higher the student achievement. Ask questions to learn more about MTSS in your child's school:

- Is my child successful? How do I know? If not, why and what can we do differently?
- If needed, how is additional help going to be provided? By whom? How often? For how long?
- How can I participate in problem-solving about my child?
- What can I do to help with the interventions for my child at home?
- How will I know if interventions are working?

Parental Resources

This video for parents introduces the use of problem-solving and how it may affect your child: www.florida-rti.org/parentResources/videos.htm

To review the real "truths" behind common myths of RTI and MTSS, visit the following link: www.florida-rti.org/parentResources/myths/index.htm.

For additional information, please contact Student Support Initiatives at **754-321-1655** or visit www.browardprevention.org.

GET INVOLVED

The following pages contain information of interest to parents and families related to Broward County Public Schools. For comprehensive information including lists of schools and departments, please visit our website and download the Parents' Guide to Broward County Public Schools at browardschools.com/departments/parent-engagement.

REGISTERING YOUR CHILD 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 Web site. 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 754-321-2480 or use the online school locator. 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.

ATOMIC LEARNING

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

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. Tuition for School Board-operated programs is \$163.00 per payment period for a total of nine 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.

BROWARD ENTERPRISE EDUCATION PORTAL (BEEP)

The Broward Enterprise Education Portal (BEEP) is a "digital doorway" to resources for teaching and learning. BEEP gives parents, students, teachers and administrators of Broward County Schools a secure, single point of online access to current and relevant information focused on student achievement, academic performance, and instructional best practice.

- Parent Portal: The BEEP Parent Portal leads parents to information on school policies, student assessments, graduation requirements, the annual testing calendar, the Virtual Counselor service, and much more.
- Student Portal: The BEEP Student Portal provides access to test preparation materials, software tools, the Virtual Counselor, and other useful resources. A User ID or Student Number and password or birth date are required to use the Student Portal.
- Research and Homework Help: The BEEP Student Portal also offers links 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 Schools.

BROWARD VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Broward Virtual School (BVS) provides a unique opportunity to depart from conventional learning systems and methods. BVS offers full-time enrollment to students in Grades K-12 through an online educational delivery system. BVS serves as the premier virtual instruction program for Broward County Public Schools. BVS offers equitable access to high quality, individualized education, through the internet and other distance learning technologies. Students are offered the flexibility of learning from the location of their choosing and may earn their high school diploma entirely on-line. BVS has served Broward County students since 2001.

CAREER, TECHNICAL ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION (CTACE)

Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE) within Broward County Public Schools offers course enrollment to students in Grades 6-12. There are over 100 programs, made up of nearly 400 individual courses, within 16 Career Clusters. Students who complete a sequential CTACE Program as defined by the Florida Department of Education, have the opportunity to earn industry certifications. Earning industry certification increases job opportunities and advancement potential for a student in his/her chosen career path. A student must complete and pass all components of the third-party industry accepted assessment to earn the industry certification and be awarded a social designation on their high school diploma.

COLLEGE ACADEMY

The College Academy (CA) at Broward College is a joint venture between Broward County Public Schools and Broward College (BC). Students attending CA@BC are degree seeking, full-time dual enrollment students, who will complete their last two years of high school, simultaneously earning an Associates of Arts degree from BC. The rigorous college level dual enrollment program is designed for students who have the maturity required for college campus life, the discipline to use their time wisely, and the academic ability to handle the rigor of college work. Students receive free tuition, fees, and textbooks.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Broward County Public Schools proudly offers comprehensive early childhood and preschool programs for our youngest learners to support their educational and developmental needs in a safe and nurturing environment. Programs served by the Head Start Early Intervention Center include: Early Head Start, Head Start and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten.

ESOL PARENT OUTREACH OFFICE

The Bilingual/ESOL Department is committed to providing rigorous academics, promoting community involvement, and delivering quality services to English Language Learners and Multilingual families. The ESOL Parent Outreach Office provides a multitude of services to bilingual parents, ESOL students and community organizations so that the integration of bilingual families to regular school communities is assured. Visit the District ESOL website or contact the ESOL department at 754-321-2951.

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INFORMATION

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) staff serves more than nine million breakfasts, 26 million lunches and 1.1 million after-school snacks to Broward County Schools students each year. 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. The USDA's Free or Reduced Price Meal Program serves approximately 130,000 eligible students in the District. The application for free and reduced price meal benefits is available online. Monthly school 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.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Innovative Programs offer K-12 grade students unique learning, theme based instruction in their neighborhood schools. Themes may include a variety of programs where student learning is challenged and enriched.

MAGNET PROGRAMS

A magnet program is a program in a school that focuses on a specific theme, such as International Baccalaureate, performing & visual arts, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Military Academy, Cambridge, marine science, international affairs and languages, technical, and more – in addition to the traditional core classes. Students may choose to attend a magnet school and gain opportunities for in-depth experiences and exposure in the magnet theme.

MILITARY ACADEMY

Students can discover the rewarding benefit of being a student in the distinguished magnet program at Hollywood Hills High School Military Academy. This program challenges students physically and mentally in an environment where leadership, academics, friendship and fun are linked together. Students who apply to the military academy must have a grade point average of 2.0 or above and a level 3 or greater student assessment score in reading and math. A student interview is required.

NOVA SCHOOLS

Nova schools offer an active learning community from Kindergarten through 12th grade where students receive a personalized, quality education.

OFFICE OF PARENT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE), located within the Student Support Initiatives Department is your resource for

information about ways in which families can be engaged in their children's education and how schools and communities can support student achievement through effective family/community engagement.

- Provide opportunities for learning at home
- Become a volunteer
- Become a mentor
- Stay engaged – support the school and the student
- Join a parent organization or committee
- Attend school activities

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 username (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.

SCHOOLNOTES

At schoolnotes.com, teachers can create notes for homework and class information and post them on the Web. Parents and students can then log in to the site to view the notes. Ask your child's teacher if he or she uses School notes.

CANVAS

Designed specifically for K-12 teachers and students, Canvas is an easy-to-use, learning management system (LMS) that connects all the digital tools and resources teachers use into one simple place.

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 December 1st and February 11th for the following school year. Reassignment applications are available at all schools as well as online during the application period.

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.

S.T.E.M. – SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

Affords students the opportunity to invent, create, and solve problems while learning academic and technological skills needed to compete in tomorrow's world.

SOLVING PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL 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). Contact the Office of Service Quality for more strategies to help you deal effectively with problems.

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 (FSA, SAT, etc.), 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 username and password are required to log into the system. Contact your school's guidance department for information.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

The following is a list of most common phone numbers within Broward County Public Schools. Please contact Main Switchboard regarding phone numbers to specific services and departments.

Main Switchboard	754-321-0000	Literacy	754-321-1866
Anonymous Tip Line	754-321-0911	McKay Scholarship	754-321-3445
BCPS Info Hotline	754-321-0321	Mentoring Programs	754-321-1668
Emergency Hotline	754-321-0911	Parent Concerns (Service Quality)	754-321-3636
Rumor Control Hotline	754-321-0321	Psychological Services	754-321-3400
Athletics & Student Activities	754-321-2550	Public Information Office	754-321-2300
Before & After School Child Care	754-321-3330	School Counseling/BRACE	754-321-1675
Bilingual & ESOL	754-321-2590	School Social Work Services	754-321-1618
Career, Technical & Adult/Community Education (CTACE) & GED	754-321-8400	Secondary Learning (6-12)	754-321-2119
Community Schools	754-321-7600	Special Investigative Unit - School Police	754-321-0735
District Community Relations	754-321-2300	Student Assessment & Research	754-321-2500
Early Learning & Learning Acquisition	754-321-1953	Student Assignments	754-321-2480
Equal Education Opportunities	754-321-2150	Student Health Services	754-321-1575
Exceptional Student Education	754-321-3400	Student Support Initiatives	754-321-1660
Family and Community Engagement	754-321-1599	Student Transportation	754-321-4400
Food & Nutrition Services	754-321-0215	Title I, Migrant & Special Programs	754-321-1400
Head Start/Early Intervention	754-321-1961	Transcripts & Diplomas	754-321-3150
Homeless Education	754-321-1566	Virtual School	754-321-6050
Innovative Learning	754-321-2620	Volunteer Services	754-321-2300
Innovative Programs (Magnet)	754-321-2070		



Note: If you are looking for your child's school number, please contact the Main Switchboard at 754-321-0000 or visit browardschools.com.

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

236

Schools, centers and technical colleges.

271,000+

Diverse pre-K – 12th grade students.

181

Different languages spoken by BCPS students from 208 countries.

175,000

Adult students served by the District's Technical Colleges and Community Schools.

32,000+

Dedicated employees, including more than 14,000 instructional personnel.



GREAT DISTRICT FOR GREAT TEACHERS

BCPS named a 2017 Great District for Great Teachers by the National Council on Teacher Quality.



BCPS is the first Florida school district to earn the prestigious

Districtwide Accreditation from AdvancEd in 1962. BCPS proudly earned re-accreditation in 2016/17.

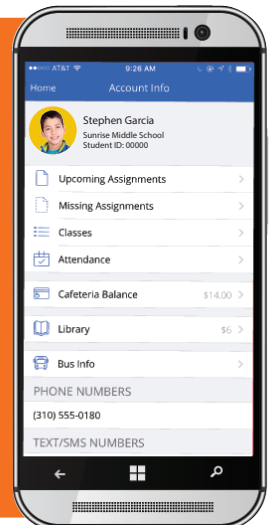
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- Transportation
- Nutrition
- Academics

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your business
can support
our students
and schools, call
754-321-2500.



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GET IN SYNC THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Free Educational Resources
for all ESOL families, students
and ESOL staff with...

- 200+ Resources and Activities Aligned to the new Common Core Standards
- AUDIO and TEXT in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole
- Math, Science, Reading & Social Studies content – grades K-8
- Study Skills – K-12
- College Readiness – 9-12
- Career Exploration – 9-12
- NEW!!! Health and Safety resources featuring Bullying Prevention, Gang Involvement Prevention and more!

- Homework help, test prep and accelerated learning!

Get Started Today!

1. Go to Broward BEEP portal ESOL department website:
esol.browardschools.com or insyncedu.com
2. Login to your account:
All ESOL students have already been registered
Username: [student ID], Password: broward
3. Click GO
For difficulties logging in, contact help@insyncedu.com

Student Support Initiatives (SSI)

VISION

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

SSI: We envision strong, resilient students who are academically, behaviorally, physically, and social-emotionally prepared to succeed in tomorrow's world.

MISSION

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

SSI: We strive to support the success of our students and families by addressing their social, emotional, health, and behavioral needs through prevention, intervention and intensive support services.

The Educational Pipeline & Student Support Initiatives: The foundation upon which children and communities thrive!



Community Building Programs



Insulating children so that they can succeed at school, at home and in life!

- Social Emotional Learning
- Health & Wellness
- Prevention and Intervention
- Educational Access & Opportunities
- Culturally Relevant
- Services & Family Support



Cultivating Community and Resident Collaborations & Linkages

- Student Services
- Expulsion Abeyance
- Parental Engagement
- School Counseling
- Diversity Prevention & Intervention
- Coordinated Health Services
- Title 1
- Equity and Academic Attainment

Student Support Initiatives (SSI)

- Social Work Services
- Basic & Chronic Health Services
- Behavior/Discipline Management
- RTI Support
- BASIS Management
- School Climate & Culture Support (Schoolwide Positive Behavior Plan)
- Targeted Graduation Support
- Targeted Dropout Prevention Support
- Targeted Attendance/Ttruancy
- Diversity & Inclusion Support
- Prevention/Curriculum Support
- Training/Technical Support
- Family and Community Engagement
- Delinquency Prevention
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Title 1 Supplemental Services to Economically Disadvantaged Students
- Mentoring
- Behavior Intervention Support
- Homeless Services
- Foster Care Services
- School Counseling
- Equity and Academic Attainment



Coordinated Student Health Services

Coordinated Student Health Services collaborates with other Departments to meet the medical needs of students within Broward County Public Schools.

We provide multiple services which include: training school staff, placement of healthcare personnel, coordination of health screenings, monitoring of immunizations, and providing community resources and information.

For a complete description of the services please visit our website at browardhealthservices.com.

School Health Entry Requirements

School Health Examination

Students must have proof of school entry exam for first time entering a Florida School. A non-Florida physician can perform the school medical exam. The form utilized to record the exam must satisfy one of the following:

- Medical exam documented on Florida Department of Health Form 3040 or on physician's office/medical facility official stationery, completed, signed and dated by physician.
- Results of all tests recorded on the Student Health Examination Form 3040 in the space provided.

Immunization Requirements

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.

Please contact Coordinated Student Health Services at 754-321-1575 if you have additional questions or concerns.

For more information on Florida Immunizations, Religious and Medical exemptions or vaccine information please visit the website at browardhealthservices.com.

Vaccines	Doses
DTP: Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis DTP or DTaP	4 or 5 doses - If the 4th dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, only 4 doses are required. If 5 doses are given the 5th doses must be given between the ages of 4 and 6 years.
IPV: Polio or OPV Oral Poliovirus	4 or 5 doses - If the fourth dose was given prior to the 4th birthday a fifth dose of polio vaccine is required for kindergarten entry only.
Hep B: Hepatitis B	3 doses - An alternative 2 doses series for adolescents 11-15yrs is available.
MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses - If the 1st dose was given sooner than students 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 Varicella vaccine is NOT required if varicella disease is documented by the health care provider.	2 doses - For students in kindergarten and grades one through eight. 1 dose - For students in grades nine through twelve.
Tdap: Tetanus – Diphtheria - Pertussis	1 dose - Students entering, attending or transferring to the seventh through twelve. An updated DH 680 form to include Tdap, must be obtained for submission to the school.

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

Hurricane make-up days in order of preference: 10/19/17, 12/22/17, 2/22/18, 3/22/18, 6/6/18

**Year-Round Schools Follow Different Calendars*

