

What's  
New!  
2024/25

## Back to School



Established 1915  
**BROWARD**  
County Public Schools

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### Message from Superintendent



Welcome to the 2024/25 school year! We are proud to be an “A” rated District by the Florida Department of Education. This is a tremendous accomplishment for which we can all be proud. I commend our teachers, administrators and staff for their commitment to our students’ learning; our students and families for their drive and determination to succeed; and our School Board for its continued support and guidance.

Our focus is always on providing students with excellent educational opportunities in safe and secure environments. I encourage you to explore all that our schools have to offer as we prepare for another productive and engaging school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent, Broward County Public Schools

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### Keeping Parents Informed Via Focus

This year, the District is launching a new student information system called Focus, which replaces Pinnacle and Virtual Counselor. Focus is an all-in-one access point, providing parents and guardians with an easier way to stay up-to-date on school information, student schedules, attendance and grades.

To register for the Focus Parent Portal and download the BCPS Connect App, visit [browardschools.com/focus](https://browardschools.com/focus).



### Pass-Through Metal Detectors

High school students across the District will see a major new security measure in place when they arrive at school, as BCPS continues to roll out pass-through metal detectors. The new metal detectors will be located at each student entry point – with school administrators and security staff to assist with the screenings. The metal detectors provide an additional safety layer for our schools and enhance security protocols and measures already in place.

For more information about the new metal detectors and answers to frequently asked questions, visit [browardschools.com/metaldetectors](https://browardschools.com/metaldetectors).



### Wireless Devices Policy: Disconnect to Reconnect

Wireless communication devices (including cell phones and headphones) must be turned off or placed in airplane mode during the entire school day, including passing periods and lunchtime.

For more information about the wireless communication devices policy and answers to frequently asked questions, visit [browardschools.com/wirelessdevices](https://browardschools.com/wirelessdevices).



### What’s New on the Menu

The BCPS Food and Nutrition Services Department is cooking up healthy, nutritious and tasty meals for the new school year. Every District school will provide students with breakfast and lunch meals at no cost.

Below are new menu items for this school year:

#### New Items for Breakfast:

- Fresh Watermelon
- Waffles – Blueberry Bash
- Chocolate Chip French Toast Sticks

#### À la carte

- Muffins

#### New Items for Lunch:

- Fresh Cantaloupe
- Beef, Pepperoni/Turkey, Ham and Cheese Strombolis
- Shredded Rotisserie Chicken

To learn more about school cafeteria menus (available as of August 12, 2024), special diets and reporting food allergies, visit [browardschools.com/foodservice](https://browardschools.com/foodservice).

