



Parent and Student Guide for the 2018-2019 School Year

Schools Open
Tuesday,
September 4
for Students

Back-to-School for the 2018-2019 School Year

Start the 2018-2019 school year with all of your friends, **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**. It will be the first full day of classes for all students and we look forward to seeing you. Use this guide to return ready for school. Until then, have a safe and happy summer!

2018-2019 Minimum Health Requirements

Student health records are reviewed on schedule per The Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure that our students are healthy and up to date on required Immunizations. Families are required to show proof of current physical exams and immunizations no later than **October 15, 2018**, or they may face possible exclusion from school per the *Student Health Examinations, Immunizations, Dental Examinations and Eye Examinations Policy* (Board Report #: 08-0827-PO3, Section 704.1).

Physical Examination – Must be completed within one year prior to entry into Preschool, K, 6th or 9th grades or upon first-time enrollment into CPS if entering the district from another state or country. Students moving to a CPS school from another school in Illinois, outside of CPS, must provide physical exam and immunization records to the school.

Vision Examination – Current eye examinations are to be provided upon enrolling into CPS from out of state (at any grade level), and entering Kindergarten (and no later than October 15, 2018).

Dental Examination – Dental exam must be provided by students entering K, 2nd or 6th grade upon enrollment (and no later than May 15, 2019).

Immunization Requirements – Annually, a student's health record must show up-to-date immunizations for the following vaccines: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DTap/Tdap), Polio, (IPV) Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chicken Pox) – may be combined with MMR-V, and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine. Haemophilus Influenzae -Type B (HIB) and the Pneumococcal Disease (PCV) – are not required for children 5 and older.

Detailed health requirements and forms may be found at: <http://www.cps.edu/oshw/Pages/MinimumHealthRequirements.aspx> or call the Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services at (773) 553-1800.

2018 Summer Programs

For information regarding:

Summer programs and activities through the City of Chicago and the Mayor's Office, call 311.

Chicago Park District programs, call (312) 742-PLAY (7529) or www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

2018 Summer School Session

The five-week Summer Bridge Program for mandated grades 3, 6 and 8 begins Monday, July 2, 2018 and ends Friday, August 3, 2018, for five days per week. For questions regarding Summer Bridge for grades 3, 6 and 8, please contact the Department of Instructional Supports at (773) 553-4500. For other programs, contact your local school or Network Office.

2018 Summer Events in Chicago

Taste of Chicago Grant Park - - - July 11 - July 15, 2018

2018 Neighborhood Festivals/Events - - - Contact the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events at (312) 744-3316 for information.

Key Dates for the 2018-2019 School Year

August 27, 2018 - School starts for teachers*

September 4, 2018 - School starts for students

June 18, 2019 - School ends for students

June 20, 2019 - School ends for teachers*

*Depending on how schools choose to use their Professional Development flex days

Parent-Teacher Conference Days and Report Card Distribution Days

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):
Wednesday, November 14, 2018, and Wednesday, April 10, 2019

High School Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):
Thursday, November 15, 2018, and Thursday, April 11, 2019

Report Card Distribution Days: Friday, February 8, 2019 and
Monday, June 18, 2019

Holidays/Vacations

September 3, 2018 (Labor Day)

October 8, 2018 (Columbus Day)

November 12, 2018 (Veterans Day)

November 21, 22 & 23, 2018 (Thanksgiving Break)

December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019 (Winter Vacation)

January 21, 2019 (M.L. King Day)

February 18, 2019 (President's Day)

April 15, 2019 - April 19, 2019 (Spring Vacation)

May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day)

Summer Safety Tips

Parents should know where their children are at all times!

Children need to be reminded of "Stranger Danger." They should report to an adult all suspicious individuals in the neighborhood.

Do not swim in areas that do not have a lifeguard on duty.

Prolonged exposure to the sun can be harmful. Children should dress appropriately and not be exposed to the sun for long periods of time.

Please call the CPS violence prevention hotline, 1-888-881-0606,
for assistance in preventing violence in your home, on your street, in your school and in your community.