



Back-to-Schoolhouse CHECKLIST



REGISTRATION

Families can still register their children for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, visit <http://attendanceservices.dadeschools.net/>.



RETURN TO THE SCHOOLHOUSE MODEL

Beginning **Monday, October 5th**, students whose parents selected the Schoolhouse model, will be returning to school five days a week through a staggered schedule:

- Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st graders, as well as students with special needs who are on a modified curriculum in separate classrooms, begin on Monday, October 5th
- Grades 2-6 and 9-10 begin on Wednesday, October 7th
- Grades 7-8 and 11-12 begin on Friday, October 9th

Prior to sending their child to school each morning, parents/guardians are being asked to conduct the At-Home Daily Student Health Screening, found at reopening.dadeschools.net, to determine if it is safe for their child to attend school.



NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Parents are receiving a notification card in the mail, to serve as a reminder of which learning model they selected during the July opt-in period. Parents may also review their selection through their child's Student Portal or the Dadeschools Mobile app. Students should be ready to present these notification cards or show the mobile app/Student Portal information to physically enter their schools on their assigned return date.



UNIFORMS AND FACIAL COVERINGS

The uniform policy will be enforced, and facial coverings will be required in the Schoolhouse Model when on school board property, at a school board activity, riding a bus or in other approved transportation. Facial coverings must be made from a minimum of double layer cloth and be snug fitting to cover both the nose and mouth. Facial coverings should not include any type of exhalation valves or vents or masks designed as a costume. If your child needs a facial covering, please contact your child's principal.



HANDWASHING/SANITIZING STATIONS

Frequent handwashing will be encouraged. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in high-traffic areas in schools, including classrooms, and on the school bus. If a student leaves the room during a class period, they will be expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to returning to the classroom.



MEALS/WATER

All students will have access to free breakfast and lunch until the end of December. Students who are attending in person will eat their meals in the cafeteria, classroom or another designated area, based on school-specific plans. Student identification badges will now be scanned for meal accountability, eliminating the use of keypads. Students attending MSO will continue to pick up multiple meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. Water fountains have been disabled at all schools. Water bottle filling stations will be available.



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TRANSPORTATION

Students who are eligible for District transportation services will be provided information as part of the mailed notification. Parents can also check the Dadeschools Mobile app and the Student Portal for bus route information. Strategies such as reducing bus capacity, requiring facial coverings while riding the bus, and reconfiguring bus routes to maintain reliable transportation will be implemented. Hand sanitizing stations will be available on every school bus. School buses will also be sanitized daily and between morning and afternoon routes.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents should check their child's school website or contact their child's teachers for a supplies list. Students are asked to bring reusable water bottles daily.



DEVICES

Every single student needs a device. If your child does not have one, please contact their school. For the Schoolhouse model, individual teachers will determine when there is a need for students to bring in their devices. Be sure devices are charged every night.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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



DADESCHOOLS MOBILE APP

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



IMMUNIZATIONS AND FLU VACCINE

Parents are urged to check their children's immunization records to see if they are due for any mandated school entry vaccines. All M-DCPS students are required to have the mandatory school age vaccines for the 2020-2021 school year, including those participating exclusively via My School Online (MSO). Additionally, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the best way to prevent the seasonal flu is to get an annual flu vaccine.



HOTLINES

General Support Help Desk: 305-995-3000
Distance Learning: 305-995-HELP (4357)
Adult and Career/Technical Education:
305-558-8000

Mental Health Services for students/parents: 305-995-7100
Project UP-START for students experiencing unstable housing: 305-995-7558

