



BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST



REGISTRATION

Families are urged to register their children early to avoid processing delays. The FIRST day of school at Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is August 31, 2020 via My School Online (MSO). For more information, visit <http://attendanceservices.dadeschools.net/>.



WEEK OF WELCOME

A unique virtual experience taking place from August 24-28, 2020. Families are encouraged to view pre-recorded videos on selected topics such as Connecting Virtually, Healthy Mind and Body, Supporting Student Success and Your Child on Campus. For more details, visit <http://miamiweekofwelcome.com/>.



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

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 MSO.



ONLINE ACCESS

In preparation of the first day of school via MSO, all students are asked to visit www.dadeschools.net to log in to the Student Portal using their Student ID and Password on a personal or District-issued device to confirm access. If they are unable to access their account, the student should contact their school for assistance.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students will need typical school supplies such as paper and pencils to write things down, take notes, solve math problems, as well as any other supplies that their teachers might indicate are necessary for the class. They will also need a computer with a camera, a microphone, and internet access. Parents should check their child's school website or contact the school for supply lists.



UNIFORMS

During Stage I and II on MSO, uniforms are encouraged. The uniform policy will be enforced and face coverings will be required in the Schoolhouse Model during Stage II.



MEALS

Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced-price lunch at www.nutrition.dadeschools.net. Meals will be available in Stage I and Stage II. Distribution sites and specific times for pick-up will be shared as soon as that information becomes available. Breakfast is free for all students.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Get to know your child's teachers at the beginning of the school year. Request a virtual meeting with them to share important information about your child and to ask how to best support their learning at home. Consider joining a parent organization like the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or volunteering at your child's school. Speak to your child's principal for more information on PTA or you can email info@mdccpta.net. To find out how you can become a school volunteer, visit <https://www.engagemiamidade.net/volunteers>.



HOTLINES

District Emergency Operations: 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

