

Frequently-Asked Questions

Bay District Schools

NEW (AND RETURNING) STUDENT QUESTIONS

1. How do I register my child for school?
You can find information about registering your child for school on our website at <https://www.bay.k12.fl.us/student-registration>

 2. How do I find out his/her bus stop and time?
Updated bus stops and routes are typically available 3-5 days before the beginning of school each year. You can find that information on our website at <https://www.bay.k12.fl.us/transportation>

 3. How do I find out what time my child's school begins and ends?
School start and end times are available on our website at

 4. Where can I find the school calendar?
The calendar committee, composed of many district stakeholders including parents and students, develops our school calendars about a year in advance. The calendar can be found on our website at

 5. Where do I find the district's dress code?
You can find out district's dress code policy, and some helpful graphics, on our website at

 6. How do I pay for my child to eat breakfast or lunch?
Meals for our students are, once again, being provided at no charge this school year thanks to a waiver from the USDA. Each school cafeteria will also offer treats and other items that can be purchased but the basic school meal for breakfast and lunch is provided each day to all students at no charge.

 7. Why should I sign up for Parent Portal?
Parent Portal is your 24-7 online connection to your child's education. By creating an account, you give us critical contact information for you that we need to continue to communicate with you (accurate phone number and email address etc.) and you develop a direct connection to your child's teacher(s). Through Parent Portal you can email your child's teacher(s), you can check his/her grades and attendance and can view any discipline reports online.

 8. How do I sign up for Parent Portal?
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9. I don't have a computer at home but I have a phone. Can I still sign up?
Yes, we have an app for that and we will be glad to help you get that downloaded and activated on your phone. Simply

10. Where do I find the school supply lists for my child?
If your child's school has a supply list, you can find it on our website at

COVID-19 QUESTIONS

1. Where do I find information about the district's Covid-19 policy and numbers?
That information is available on our website at xxx and is updated twice a week.

2. How will I know if my child has been exposed to Covid-19 at school?
If there is a Covid-19 case at your child's school you will receive an electronic form letter informing you of that situation. This is just one of the reasons why it's critical that you have an accurate email address on file in your Parent Portal Account because this is the only mechanism we have for notifying you. If your child has been exposed directly to a Covid-19 case and further, individualized, action is needed you will receive a phone call from your child's school which means it's equally critical that we have accurate phone numbers for you.

3. If my child has to quarantine, how will he/she keep learning from home?
All students will continue to use Canvas to learn from home during a quarantine situation. While teachers may, or may not, be available for live lessons they will post assignments to Canvas and will be available to answer questions via email etc.

4. What kind of cleaning protocols are being followed at school and on the bus?
We continue to do as much as we can to ensure our buses and campuses are safe places for our students and staff. All additional cleaning protocols instituted last year remain in place with particular attention being paid to "high touch" areas on buses and on campuses.

5. Does my child have to wear a mask to school?
Currently, masks are optional for students and staff. If you would like to send a mask with your student then we support that choice. Governor DeSantis has been very vocal about his opposition to district-wide mask mandates and so our School Board has decided, at this time, that masks are optional.

6. Does my child have to get a Covid-19 vaccine for school?
No, your student does not have to have a Covid-19 vaccine for school and vaccines are not required for our employees either although many have chosen to be vaccinated.

7. Who do I call if I want my child to get a vaccine (available for children 12 and older)?

We suggest you speak with your child's healthcare provider about the vaccine. In the event that you would like to schedule an appointment, you can do so by calling the Florida Department of Health at XXX or PanCare at XXXX.

TYPICAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL QUESTIONS

1. What kinds of healthcare can my student access at school?

At school, students will have access to free, quality health care when parental consent is provided. Students can receive basic first aid services (bandaids, ice packs, temp checks, etc.), school and sports physicals, preventative dental services, vision services, Telehealth medical and mental health services (with a Florida Licensed medical provider). Students will also participate in School Health Screenings as outlined by state statute. These services are available to all students provided by the district's school health program partner, PanCare of Florida, Inc.

2. How do I give permission for that or decline those services?

To allow your child to have access to the array of quality health care services in our school health program, be sure to review, initial and sign the *Parental Consent for School Health Services 2021-2022 consent form*. If you do not give consent for your child to participate in a specific service, simply do not initial that section. If you do not give permission for your child to participate in the state mandated school health screenings, provide your request in writing (email or letter) to your school's principal. Any additional questions related to consent for school health services can be answered by calling the Department of Student Services at 767-4311.

3. What will happen if my child is out of dress code?

If your student is out of dress code, we will attempt to offer him/her a replacement article of clothing if we have one. If we don't have one, or your child declines to change clothes, we will keep your student safe in the office with us until you're able to make it to school with a replacement item(s). We do not want to interrupt your child's education with dress code violations and so we hope all students will do their very best each day to comply with the new requirements.

4. Is there anywhere I can get help with school clothes for my student?

Many local faith-based organizations have partnered with our district to provide additional clothing support. If you are unable to provide appropriate clothing for your student please speak with his/her school-based counselor to see if there's help available at school.

5. What services are available for parents and students who don't speak English fluently?

Parents and students who don't speak English fluently visit/or call the Multilingual Student Support Center for the following:

- Register and Enroll in School
- Be properly placed in the correct school and grade depending on transcripts and school zone
- Be provided information regarding appropriate Newcomer Programs
- Be evaluated with LAS Links for accurate English Language Proficiency levels when feasible
- Initial data and coding of ELL students will be put in FOCUS
- Be provided with school and community service information such as:
 - o Parent Portal/Chromebook/District Website
 - o Clothing/school uniforms
 - o Medical/Immunization information and location for services
 - o School, career, or mental health counseling services
 - o Transportation
 - o Campus Visitor/Volunteer Policy per Mike Jones, Safety and Security Office
 - o Pre-K
 - o Head Start
 - o Home School
 - o Homeless
 - o Bay Base

Multilingual Student Support Center at CC Washington 850-767-3942 para Español

Spanish

Los padres y los estudiantes que no hablan inglés con fluidez visitan o llaman al Centro de apoyo estudiantil multilingüe para lo siguiente::

- Registrarse e inscribirse en la escuela
- Estar correctamente ubicado en la escuela y el grado correctos según el expediente académico y la zona escolar

- Recibir información sobre los programas para recién llegados apropiados.
- Ser evaluado con LAS Links para niveles precisos de dominio del idioma inglés cuando sea posible
- Los datos iniciales y la codificación de los estudiantes ELL se pondrán en FOCUS
- Recibir información sobre servicios escolares y comunitarios como:
 - o Portal para padres / Chromebook / Sitio web del distrito
 - o Ropa / uniformes escolares
 - o Información médica / de inmunizaciones y ubicación de los servicios
 - o Servicios de consejería escolar, vocacional o de salud mental
 - o Transporte
 - o Política de visitantes / voluntarios del campus según Mike Jones, Oficina de seguridad y protección
 - o Pre-K
 - o Head Start
 - o Escuela en Casa
 - o Sin Hogar
 - o Bay Base

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7. My child had a bus last year and doesn't have one this year. Why and how can I fix that?

School Board policy changed last month to eliminate courtesy routes that aren't funded by the state. This unfortunate change was necessitated by both a lack of funding and a lack of drivers. If you believe your child lives in a state-defined "hazardous walk zone" we encourage you to reach out to Transportation at 850-767-4495 or Bustrans@bay.k12.fl.us as soon as possible to begin the application process.