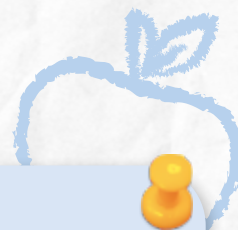


Get Ready for the First Day of School on Thursday, September 10!



Use our checklist to help your family have a great start to the 2026–27 school year:



☐ Update your contact information.

Make sure your child's school can reach you! Log in to your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) to update your phone number, mailing address, and email. You may also fill out your school's emergency contact form. Don't have a NYCSA? Sign up at schools.nyc.gov/NYCSA.

☐ Schedule a physical exam for your child.

Is your child starting school or childcare for the first time? They will need a physical exam from a health care provider, who must complete a Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH-205). Download a CH-205 at schools.nyc.gov/SchoolHealth.

☐ Make sure your child is up to date on required immunizations.

New York State Public Health Law requires students to get certain vaccines to attend childcare or school. Learn more about required immunizations for students at schools.nyc.gov/Immunization. Visit VaccineFinder.nyc.gov or call 877-829-4692 to find a location to receive required and recommended vaccinations near you.

☐ Check the 2026–27 NYC public school calendar.

Keep track of important dates this school year like upcoming holiday closures, parent-teacher conferences, and more! Visit schools.nyc.gov/Calendar to view and print the calendar in multiple languages.

☐ Understand your child's transportation options and eligibility.

Do you know how your child will be getting to and from school? Find information about available transportation services at schools.nyc.gov/Transportation.

- Learn about free Student OMNY cards at schools.nyc.gov/OMNY.
- If your child is assigned school bus service, check their route, pick-up, and drop-off times with the official NYC School Bus app! Log in using your NYC Schools Account. Learn more at schools.nyc.gov/SchoolBusApp.

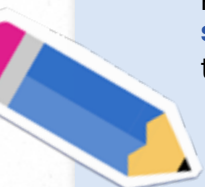
☐ Talk to your child about not using electronic devices in school.

Per New York State law, NYCPS students may not use personal, internet-enabled electronic devices such as cell phones on school grounds during the school day. Your school will share its own policy on device use and storage with you—go over the policy with your child so they understand these rules before the school year begins. For more information, visit schools.nyc.gov/DevicePolicy.

☐ Prepare your child's school supplies.

Your child's school or teacher may send you a list of school supplies they will need this year. Talk to your child about what to expect on their first day and ensure their bags are packed and ready to go. Label their belongings (clothing, water bottles, pencil cases, etc.) so they can be returned to you if misplaced!

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☐ **Help your child transition to their school year schedule.**

Before the first day of school, set a consistent bedtime to ease your children into a regular and healthy sleep schedule. A few days before school starts, practice your child's expected morning routine for this year, including getting ready and traveling to school. Be sure to review your school's start and end times and lateness policy.

☐ **Ask your school about translation and interpretation services.**

NYCPS translates official documents into multiple languages and can support you with free interpretation services, including during parent-teacher conferences and special education meetings. Contact your school's principal or parent coordinator for help.

- Learn more, share feedback, or submit a complaint at [schools.nyc.gov/Hello](https://schools.nyc.gov>Hello). For American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation services, visit schools.nyc.gov/SignLanguage.

☐ **Reach out to your school's parent coordinator.**

Parent coordinators can help answer many of your questions! Find their contact information with the "Find a School" tool at SchoolSearch.schools.nyc or by calling your child's school.

☐ **Be prepared for remote learning.**

If schools must close, students may participate in remote learning at home. Make sure your child has an internet-connected device, school supplies, and a quiet place to work. Help them log in to their NYCPS Student Account to access the online tools they need for their schoolwork. Find resources to prepare for remote learning at schools.nyc.gov/DigitalLearning.

We can't wait to see you
for the first day of school
on **September 10!**