

Bracken County Schools

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Bracken County Schools 2024-2025 School Year

The Bracken County School System will begin the 2024-2025 school year on August 22, 2024. This will be opening day for teachers only. **Students will begin on Monday, August 26.** The complete school calendar can be accessed at <https://www.bracken.kyschools.us/>.

If you are new in the district and have not registered your child, please go online and complete the online enrollment form for each child at the following website: <https://www.bracken.kyschools.us/>. Current students should visit IC Parent Portal to update demographic information. If you have questions, please contact the school by calling between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prior to August 26 (Taylor Elementary 735-2169, Bracken County Middle School 735-3425, Bracken County High School 735-3153). School begins at 7:45 a.m. at Bracken County High School, 7:50 a.m. at Bracken County Middle School, and 7:50 a.m. at Taylor Elementary.

In Kentucky, under state law, all children must be enrolled in school between the ages of 6 and 18. Children can enter primary school at age 5, but only if their 5th birthday is on or before August 1 of the current school year. So, a 4-year-old who will turn 5 by August 1 can enroll in primary school.

Parents of students who may be eligible for home-hospital instruction should pick up a form at the Central Office, get it signed by a physician, and return it to the Central Office for eligibility in the program. The application can also be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.bracken.kyschools.us/students-parents/home-hospital-application>

When registering your child for school, each child shall have on file:

- A legal birth certificate or other reliable proof of age and identification
- A Kentucky certificate of immunization
- Proof of a preventative health care examination conducted within one year prior to initial entry into the school program and another preventative health care examination within one year prior to entry into the 6th grade and

proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, documented on the [Kentucky School Eye Exam Form](#)

- Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, proof of a dental screening or examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, documented on the [Kentucky Dental Screening Form](#) (This form must be presented to the school no later than January 1 of the first year that a 5- or 6-year-old child is enrolled.)
- Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, every student enrolled in school must have the Hepatitis A vaccine series (2 shots six months apart). Students 16 years and older also need a meningococcal vaccine booster. Every student needs to have an up to date immunization certificate on file at school.

The School Based Health Clinic Mobile unit will offer student physicals, sports physicals, and immunizations on 8/16 at the Back to School Supplies Event at BCHS and on 8/19 at the 6th grade Open House at BCMS.