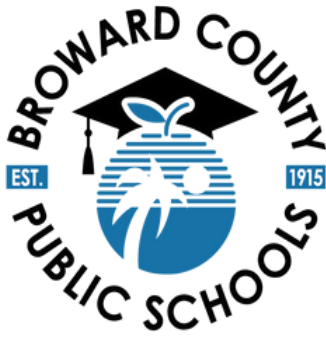




BCPS 2026-2027 Extended Learning & Enrichment Academic Support Guide

This guide will include resources and tips for parents and students to access throughout the school year.



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Elementary at Home



iReady Instructional Pathway

i-Ready Personalized Instruction empowers students in Grades K–5 to reach grade-level success with a targeted learning experience that meets their individual needs.

Students can access individualized lessons at home for personalized practice. Based on deep insights from i-Ready Diagnostic, each student is placed on a personalized path of online lessons. Learners engage with adaptive, research-based instruction that is timely and applicable to their unique learning journey as they build foundational reading and language comprehension skills that empower them to thrive as readers at grade level and beyond.

As the new school year begins, students are building a strong foundation for a successful year of learning. Throughout the academic year, they continue progressing toward mastery of the standards in the four core subjects: math, science, English language arts, and social studies.

Schools preparing for the new academic year will review data from the state's progress monitoring system, along with other relevant data, to help identify customized learning pathways for students.

At the beginning of the school year, students will be taking a diagnostic assessment within the iReady platform to determine initial skill levels for reading and math. Parents can access their students reports through the iReady portal through Clever to see which areas of instruction students may possibly need more support. Students' iReady personalized pathway will be updated to provide additional lessons based on the student's diagnostic results. Students can work on both reading or math iReady from home for additional support in these areas.

The district also has many additional resources available through the Clever dashboard to support student learning. These resources include Benchmark Universe, Imagine Literacy & Learning, Savass, Gallopade, Discovery Education, Progress Learning and more.

All of the resources mentioned above are available simply by having your child log in to their Clever Dashboard and clicking on the chosen tile. Additional resources can be found below.

CPALMS	Supporting Young Learners	Khan Academy
These tutorials cover a variety of subjects and offer a fun and educational way for students to build skills. A video guide is available to help parents and students navigate. Video Guide: https://www.cpalms.org/page816.aspx Link to CPALMS: https://www.floridastudents.org/#1 0 0 0	A collection of resources at BCPS Supporting Young Learners Canvas page for information and math strategies. https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/627242 K-5 Roadmaps to Success: https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/elementary-learning	Offers practice exercises and instructional videos for all subjects from Grades K through Calculus that allow students to work at their own pace. https://www.khanacademy.org/

Secondary: Parent Involvement

As students move into secondary education in grades 6–12, **parent involvement in education remains critical to student success**. Research shows that students perform better when parents help set goals, discuss school topics, and encourage exploration of future interests. The resources outlined in this section help students stay focused on the four core subject areas—English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies—throughout the year, including weekends and school breaks. These tools also provide parents with a window into their child’s learning and an entry point to meaningful family discussions.

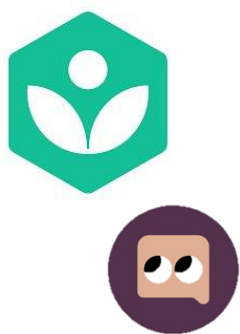
Parents can strengthen their involvement by regularly engaging in open-ended conversations about goals, academics, and life after high school. For example:

- **Goal Setting:** “What’s something you’d like to accomplish this semester, and how can I support you?” / “What’s one new challenge you’d like to take on in school this year?”
- **Academic Topics:** “What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned in class this week?” / “Is there a subject you’d like to explore more deeply outside of school?”
- **Post-High School Plans:** “If you could design your dream career, what would it look like?” / “Which classes or activities do you think could help you prepare for your future plans?”

By making these conversations a natural part of family life, parents can help their child see the connection between what they learn today and the opportunities that await them after graduation.

Please note that your child’s school may have additional learning resources available on the school’s webpage.

Khan Academy and Khanmigo



Students: All subjects 6-12 (including SAT and ACT Preparation):

Khan Academy offers a wealth of free resources that parents can use to support their child's learning across subject areas. These resources include instructional videos, practice exercises, and tools for SAT and ACT preparation. In addition, Khanmigo, Khan Academy’s AI-powered learning assistant, provides guided support to help students ask questions, practice skills, and strengthen their understanding while keeping their own thinking at the center of the learning process. Parents can guide their children to explore topics of interest or focus on areas that need improvement, making learning both flexible and enjoyable

[Guide to parent dashboard](#) | [Link to Khan Academy](#)

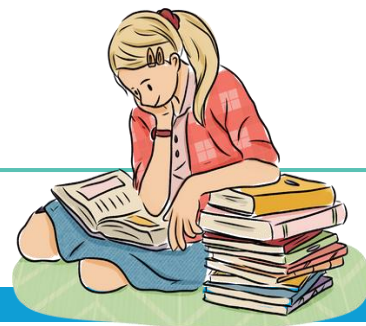
CPALMS Tutorial Video



Students: English Language Arts 6-12, Science 6-12, Social Studies 6-12, Math 6-8, Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Geometry

Parents can use CPALMS Student Tutorials to promote learning during winter break by engaging their children with interactive lessons and activities aligned to state standards. These tutorials cover various subjects and provide a fun and educational way for students to reinforce concepts and skills at their own pace. A video guide on how to navigate and use the tutorials is available, making it easy for parents and students to get started.

- [Video Guide for Caregivers](#)
- [Link to CPALMS:](#)



Secondary: ELA at Home



English Language Arts (ELA) Support At Home

Just because school is out on break, doesn't mean that the learning needs to stop. Building your brain is like building a muscle—you have to work at it every day. Here are some fun ideas for continuing to build reading and writing skills while students are on winter, spring, and summer breaks:

- Set aside time for reading as a family. Block off half an hour each day for pleasure reading, during which family members come together and quietly read self-selected books. Afterward, take a few minutes to share what is happening in each book.
- Traveling somewhere? Keep a travel journal of the trip, noting the itinerary, activities, fun anecdotes, and descriptions of new things you saw. This can be a private journal or a fun conversation piece once the trip has concluded. Before traveling, research your destination and read travel articles about the places you will be visiting.
- Read a newspaper—either print or online—and summarize what an article reported. Parents can ask their children “reporter questions” (who, what, when, where, why, and how) to support comprehension.
- Have a reading competition among family members (and even include friends!). Keep a chart of the books each person reads and treat the winner to a fun reward at the end.
- Visit your local public library and spend time discovering new authors and genres that sound interesting. Check out books to include in your personal reading time.
- Don't miss opportunities to read and write. Going to a museum? Read the descriptions as well as viewing the objects and artwork. Seeing a movie? Write a movie review afterward and consider submitting it to your local newspaper. Going to the beach, park, or hiking trail? Let the inspiration of nature spark original poetry or short stories.
- **Is your child in Intensive Reading?** Keep the learning going by encouraging completion of segments on the Read 180 Student Application and Read 180 Student Library. Monitor your child's progress in each of the Learning Zones and celebrate their successes!

Advanced Placement

Search for the course you are in and start practicing!

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@advancedplacement>



Additional Tips for Preventing Learning Loss in Reading

1. Daily Reading Routine

- Set aside 15–30 minutes each day for reading. Encourage children to select books they enjoy and visit libraries for reading challenges or groups.
- Track daily reading progress on a calendar and read together for younger readers needing support.
- Use modeling and gamification to motivate reading habits, such as family reading goals or local library reward programs.

2. Practice Vocabulary and Grammar

- Introduce affixes (prefixes and suffixes) with flashcards or guessing games to improve reading and spelling.
- Use grammar workbooks to review past concepts and preview the next grade's lessons. Weekly practice helps solidify skills.

3. Enhance Reading Comprehension

- Provide workbooks with self-quizzes and engaging stories to improve comprehension skills, such as inference-making and fact retention.
- Discuss stories together to deepen understanding and engagement.

4. Encourage Creative Writing

- Have children write a paragraph weekly on fun or meaningful topics like vacations or favorite memories.
- Use a thesaurus to introduce new words and make writing more interesting.

“By integrating these structured yet enjoyable activities, parents can help their children maintain and enhance their learning during breaks.”



Secondary: Math at Home



Mathematics Support At Home

Children build mathematical understanding through consistent practice and meaningful application. When parents engage with math in everyday life, they help their child develop problem-solving skills, confidence, and curiosity, skills emphasized in the Florida B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) Standards.

Key Tips for Supporting Math Learning at Home

Know What's Being Taught

- Review the **Florida B.E.S.T. Standards** for your child's grade level. These outline the concepts, skills, and problem-solving approaches students are expected to master.
- Ask your child's teacher about upcoming topics and recommended resources.

Make Math Part of Everyday Life

- **Shopping trips:** Have your child compare prices, calculate discounts, or estimate totals.
- **Cooking:** Practice fractions and measurement conversions.
- **Travel:** Use maps to calculate distances, travel time, and fuel usage.

These real-world connections help students see math as useful and relevant.

Encourage Problem-Solving, Not Just Answers

- Ask guiding questions:
 - "How did you figure that out?"
 - "Is there another way to solve this?"
 - "What do you notice about the numbers?"
- Focus on the process, not just the result. This builds the reasoning skills outlined in the B.E.S.T. Mathematical Thinking and Reasoning Standards.

Create a Structured Homework Routine

- Set aside a consistent time and quiet place for math homework.
- Encourage your child to attempt problems before asking for help.
- Review mistakes together to find where the thinking went off track.

FLDOE Parent Guide For Mathematics

The B.E.S.T. Parent Guides for Mathematics assist families in understanding the mathematical concepts being learned and how they can support their students' progress at home. The guides include key mathematical concepts and skills students will learn each school year, academic terms, practical activities to build mathematical understanding at home and questions families can ask teachers to support their child's success. Each guide is aligned to Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics. Please note that the instructional guides will continue to undergo edits as necessary. Visit the official website [B.E.S.T. Mathematics Parent Resources](#)



Secondary: Social Studies & Science at Home

Social Studies Support At Home

Social Studies is like being a detective of the past and a curious traveler of the present—you have to keep investigating every day. Here are some cool sites to keep building your knowledge of people, places, and events outside of school.

Civics & U.S. Government

- **iCivics Games** – Play interactive games on law, government, and citizenship: ed.icivics.org/games
- **Civics 360** – Videos, readings, and quizzes to master civics topics: civics360.org
- **DocsTeach** – Explore primary sources from the National Archives: docsteach.org
- **Crash Course YouTube Series** – Fast-paced, high school-level videos on U.S. History, World History, Government, and Economics. <https://www.youtube.com/@crashcourse>

U.S. & World History

- **Mission US** – Live through history as a character in the past: mission-us.org
- **Oregon Trail (Original)** – Test your pioneer survival skills: [Play Online](https://playonline.oregontrail.com)
- **Google Arts & Culture** – Tour museums and historic sites worldwide: artsandculture.google.com
- **UNESCO World Heritage Virtual Tours** – Explore historic sites around the globe. <https://whc.unesco.org/en/virtualtours/>

Financial Literacy

- **Financial Football** – NFL-themed money management game: practicalmoneyskills.com/play
- **BizKid\$** – Fun videos on earning, saving, and investing: bizkids.com
- **Council for Economic Education** – Games, lessons, and activities for high school econ. <https://www.econedlink.org/>

More to Explore

- **PBS LearningMedia** – Short videos, games, and activities: pbslearningmedia.org
- **Carmen Sandiego Games** – Chase the thief while learning geography: carmensandiego.com/games

Science Support At Home

Science is all about asking questions, testing ideas, and discovering how the world works. Here are some intriguing resources to keep building your science skills and curiosity outside of school.

For **science 6-12** parents can choose from a variety of CPALMS parent resources for science. Here you can find videos for home discussion, challenge questions, career connections, simulations and much more:

<https://www.cpalms.org/public/search/Resource>

For the future **space engineers and astronauts**, consider visiting NASA and their vast galaxy of activities, videos and images:

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/activities/>

Agriculture and food science is always an exciting topic to explore. You will find a garden of topics and activities for students of all ages here:

<https://www.nutrition.gov/topics/nutrition-life-stage/children/kids-corner>

In **all areas of science**, PBS offers activities, videos and lesson plans for parents K-12. Check out their library at:

https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/science/?rank_by=relevance&selected_facet=grades:9-12&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=18796878875&gbraid=0AAAAADQ6XOmw7PTnaQ20a1vcdCzPhUhRD&gclid=CjwKCAjwkvbEBhApEiwAKUz6-8NcXOCRbrYiOn8bpqWueiWXiEQ8DufnTu_MP4-_gfn4o970FCM6gRoCHuAQAvD_BwE



Additional Tips for Preventing Learning Loss in Math and Cross-Subject Areas

1. Daily Math Practice

- Solve 3–4 math problems daily to reinforce skills and prepare for the next school year.
- Use workbooks suited to the child’s academic level.

2. Real-Life Math Applications

- Use cooking and baking to practice fractions and multiplication.
- Incorporate discount hunting to calculate sale prices and percentage savings.

3. Math Games and Stories

- Utilize apps and online games to make math fun and engaging.
- Explore math-focused storybooks to contextualize math problems.

4. Math in Action

- Visit science or children’s museums to see math applied in real-world scenarios like space exploration or paleontology.

5. Target Weak Areas

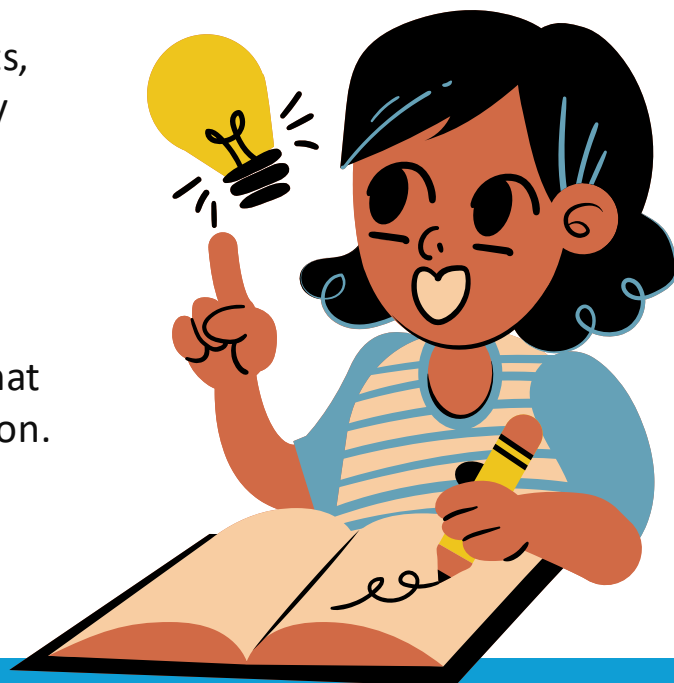
- Spend 15–30 minutes daily focusing on challenging subjects using online resources, workbooks, or educational games.

6. Incorporate Fun Learning Activities

- Plan educational trips, like museum visits, that integrate science, math, and history into hands-on learning experiences.

7. Combine Subjects

- Merge math with reading through interactive books or cooking activities that require measurement and comprehension.



Helping Your Child Succeed in Advanced Academic Programs

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge (AICE), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual Enrollment courses can earn college credit while in high school, improve scholarship opportunities, strengthen college applications, and potentially save thousands in future college tuition costs.

Advanced Placement (AP) • Cambridge (AICE) • International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Monitor Grades Weekly: Stay informed about assignments, grades, and attendance.
- Create a Study Routine: Encourage daily study habits and time management.
- Communicate with Teachers: Reach out early if your child begins struggling academically.
- Use School Supports: Take advantage of tutoring, counseling, and review sessions.
- Encourage Balance: Help students balance academics, activities, and wellness.
- Celebrate Persistence: Rigorous coursework builds resilience, confidence, and college readiness.

Websites & Resources for Success in AP, Cambridge AICE, and IB Courses:



- [College Board AP Students](#)
- [AP Classroom](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)



- [Cambridge International Student Support](#)
- [Cambridge International Subjects](#)
- [Cambridge Learner Guide Resources](#)



- [International Baccalaureate Organization](#)
- [IB Diploma Programme Resources](#)

Dual Enrollment Courses at Broward College, the University of Florida, Florida International University, and Florida Atlantic University

- Check Canvas and college email daily.
- Use tutoring and academic support services early.
- Communicate regularly with professors.
- Monitor grades closely since college grades become part of a permanent transcript.
- Develop strong time management and study habits.
- Meet regularly with your school counselor and college advisor.

Websites & Resources for Success in Dual Enrollment Courses:



- [Broward College Dual Enrollment](#)
- [Broward College Student Resources](#)
- [Broward College Tutoring Services](#)



- [UF Dual Enrollment](#)
- [UF Student Success Resources](#)
- [UF eLearning Support](#)



- [FAU Dual Enrollment Program](#)
- [FAU Canvas](#)



Broward County Public Schools – Advanced Academics

<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/secondary-learning/advanced-academics>

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

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MTSS Information for Parents and Families

What is Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)?

MTSS is a term used to describe a seamless prevention framework that refers to all the academic, behavioral and social-emotional strategies, interventions, supports and resources that are used to help all students grow and achieve. MTSS encompasses Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

What is Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP)?

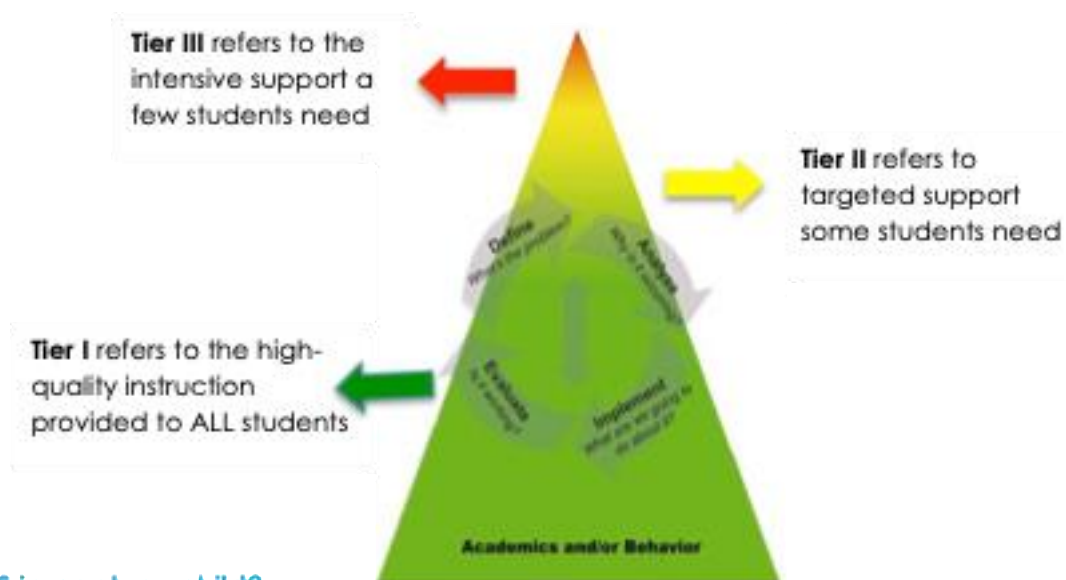
PMP is a term used to describe the specifications of a data-driven intervention plan created by the Collaborative Problem-Solving Team (CPST), a team of school experts, to assist students in reaching their full potential while in school.

What is Response to Intervention (RTI)?

RTI is the practice of providing high quality instruction and intervention matched to student need and close monitoring of how a student responds to different layers of instruction and support.

What are Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)?

PBIS are the methods used to identify and support desired behaviors in the school setting through the encouragement of positive behaviors school wide.



How will MTSS impact my child?

- MTSS provides varying academic, and behavior supports based on your child's needs, identified early to ensure timely help.
- Support levels adjust depending on your child's progress, with frequent updates shared with you.
- Families are encouraged to participate in the planning and progress monitoring process.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

What do I do if I believe my child is struggling?

- Talk with your child's teacher.
- Review and assist with homework assignments and projects.
- Ask for regular meetings with your child's teacher.
- Celebrate your child's successes.
- Learn more about the curriculum, assessments and interventions being used in your child's school.
- Participate in conferences and problem-solving meetings for your child.

Parental Resources

This **video** for parents introduces the use of problem solving and how it may affect your child. <https://vimeo.com/49760122>

To review the real “**truths**” behind common myths of RtI and MTSS, visit the following link:

https://floridarti.usf.edu/resources/myths/educators/mtss_defined/index.html

If you have questions, contact **Elementary Learning-MTSS Department** at **(754) 321-1843** or **Secondary Learning-MTSS Department** at **(754) 321 – 2174** or access the following links for additional information:

Broward County Public Schools:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/47554>

Florida's MTSS:

<https://floridarti.usf.edu>

Florida Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Project:

<https://flpbis.cbcs.usf.edu/>
MTSSRtIPARENT-06242025



What are the benefits of MTSS?

- MTSS aims to improve outcomes for all students by identifying needs early and ensuring no student goes without support.
- It uses data-driven decisions to adjust instruction and provide varying levels of support (interventions) based on individual student needs.

How can I participate in MTSS?

Families play a critical role in supporting what their children are learning in school. The more parents are involved in student learning, the higher the student achievement. Ask questions to learn more about MTSS in your child's school:

- Is my child successful? How do I know?
- If not, why and what can we do differently?
- If needed, how is additional help going to be provided? By whom? How often? For how long?
- How can I participate in problem-solving about my child?
- What can I do to help with the interventions for my child at home?
- How will I know if interventions are working?

Multi-Tiered System of Supports

ACTIVE Learning Strategies aligned the Science of Reading across ALL Content Areas

Strategies that support student voice and autonomy, build comprehension, and increase engagement. These strategies can be used to engage with all forms of text, including books, articles, videos, and movies.

STRATEGY	What Strategic Learners are Thinking	Sentence Starters for Responding
Ask and answer clarifying questions Ask questions before, during, and after to better understand the text. What are you confused by? Why are certain things happening? Pause periodically and write a summary of the text in your own words.	- Is the text making sense? Wait, what's going on here? - Do I need to reread or rewind? - How do I say this word? - What does this word mean? - What is the author saying? - Why is this happening? - Why did this person/character?	- I wonder what.... means. - I was confused by - I had difficulty with - I can't really understand.... - I wonder what the author/narrator means by ...
Connect personally with Text Relate the text to your own experiences and prior knowledge. Look for similarities between the text and what you have personally experienced, seen, heard or read about. Text to Text Text to Self Text to World	- Does this remind me of something? - Has something like this ever happened to me? - Do I know someone like this character? - Have I ever felt this way? - Did the text make me think of real events in the news or in history books?	- I remember watching a video that was similar.... - This reminds me of.... - I experienced this once when - That reminds me of - I read another book that.... - I connected to this when.... - This made me remember a time when - This makes me think about....
THINK CRITICALLY Predict and Infer Think about what is happening in the text and what is going to happen, and make predictions and inferences based on what you already know and what you are currently learning.	- What text and/visual clues can help me here? - What background knowledge do I have that will help me with this text? - What will I learn? - Were my predictions correct? - What will happen next?	- I predict that - I bet that.... - If..., then.... - A conclusion I'm drawing is.... - I think is going to happen next. - Since.... happened, I think will happen.

STRATEGY	What Strategic Learners are Thinking	Sentence Starters for a Response
Investigate Think like a detective. Search for answers in the text... who, what, when, where, why and how to identify, analyze and summarize the main idea and key details of the text.	- Who/What is the learning mostly about? - What is important about the topic or subject? - When does this take place? Where does this take place? Why is the topic or subject important? - How does this occur?	- The text was mainly about... - This topic is important because... - The text takes place during...
Visualize Create mental images or draw or examine visuals, charts, graphs, and maps that reflect or represent the ideas in the text to help you understand and remember.	- What pictures or scenes came into my mind? - What do I hear, taste, smell or feel? - What do the people, places and events of the text look like in my mind?	- I can picture.... - In my mind I see.... - If this were a movie.... - This appeals to several senses.... - The description of helped me visualize ... - If this were a movie...
Evaluate & Explain Analyze what is and is not important in the text. Arrive at a judgment about people, places and events. Provide explanation with evidence.	- How is the text organized? What is the main idea or concept here? What are the key words? - Are the ideas supported with convincing evidence?	- I think this represents... - I agree/disagree with the author's opinion... - The text is mainly about... The key information is ...

Discover Your Child's Passion & Potential Magnet and Innovative Programs

At Broward County Public Schools, students have exciting opportunities to explore their interests, develop their talents, and prepare for future success through our Magnet and Innovative Programs. These programs provide engaging, theme-based learning experiences that help students connect classroom learning to college, careers, and the world around them. Whether your child is interested in STEM, artificial intelligence, arts, aviation, business, Montessori, public safety, technology, environmental sciences, international studies, or other specialized areas, BCPS offers programs designed to inspire and challenge learners at every grade level.

Extend Learning Beyond the Classroom

Many BCPS Magnet Programs provide students with opportunities that extend learning beyond the traditional school day and classroom experience. Depending on the program and school, students and families may have access to:

- Theme-related reading materials and enrichment resources
- Summer camps and learning experiences connected to magnet themes
- Academic enrichment opportunities designed to help schools better understand incoming students' strengths and support needs
 - Xello and Broward County Public Schools' College, Career & Life Readiness (CCLR) resources provide students in grades K–12 with opportunities to explore careers, interests, industry-specific pathways, and future opportunities connected to BCPS Magnet Programs, including Health Sciences, STEM, Business & Entrepreneurship, Arts & Design, Public Service, and Information Technology.
 - Through Xello, accessible via Clever, students begin career awareness in the early grades and build toward college and career planning in middle and high school, completing interest assessments, developing academic plans, exploring scholarships, and preparing for postsecondary success.
 - Families can also access the CCLR Website, Canvas Toolkit and YouTube resources for guidance on career exploration, financial aid, and planning for the future. Encouraging your student to regularly engage with these tools supports informed decision-making and long-term success.

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Accessible
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Health
Sciences



STEM



Business &
Entrepreneurship



Arts &
Design



Public
Service



Information
Technology

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Families can also access the **CCLR Website**, **Canvas Toolkit** and **YouTube** resources for guidance on career exploration, financial aid, and planning for the future.



CCLR WEBSITE

Explore careers, pathways, financial aid information, and planning tools.



CANVAS TOOLKIT

Access resources, activities, and guides to support college and career planning.



YOUTUBE

Watch helpful videos on career exploration, financial aid, and future planning.



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xello

Every Student,
Future Ready!





Discover Your Child's Passion & Potential Magnet and Innovative Programs

Family Learning Experiences Beyond the Classroom

Magnet Theme	Family-Friendly Experiences & Career Connections
Performing and Visual Arts	Attend educational or family-friendly performances at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, visit local art museums, or participate in community arts festivals to explore careers in theater, music, dance, and visual arts.
Aviation	Experience indoor skydiving at iFLY Fort Lauderdale, visit aviation exhibits, or explore airport and aerospace experiences connected to careers in aviation, piloting, engineering, and air traffic control.
Artificial Intelligence	Discover technology companies, innovation hubs, coding and robotics experiences, media companies, artificial intelligence workshops, and industry partners that expose students to careers in AI, machine learning, cybersecurity, computer science, and emerging technologies
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)	Visit the Museum of Discovery and Science, participate in robotics or coding camps, and explore engineering and technology careers through hands-on STEM experiences.
Business & Entrepreneurship	Explore JA World at Junior Achievement of South Florida, where students can participate in interactive simulations connected to careers in business, finance, marketing, entrepreneurship, and leadership.
Medical Sciences	Visit health and science museums, participate in wellness or STEM camps, and explore healthcare careers such as nursing, sports medicine, biomedical sciences, and healthcare technology.
Communications and Languages	Attend cultural festivals, explore media and broadcasting experiences, or participate in language and communication activities connected to careers in journalism, broadcasting, public relations, and global communications.
Government and International Affairs	Visit local government meetings, courthouses, museums, and cultural institutions to learn more about careers in law, public service, international relations, and civic leadership.
Montessori	Explore nature centers, botanical gardens, discovery museums, and hands-on learning environments that support creativity, independence, and experiential learning.
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation, and Mathematics)	Participate in maker-space activities, engineering workshops, aviation experiences, and science exploration programs that connect creativity and innovation with future-focused careers.

Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE)

Students will focus on the following priorities in our CTE classrooms to support continued engagement, career readiness, and skill development throughout the school year:

1 Review and Goal Setting

- Review accomplishments: Students will reflect on the skills, projects, and certifications completed during the 2025–2026 school year.
- Set goals: Students will establish personal and professional goals for skill mastery, industry certifications, and future projects.

2 Career Readiness Skills

- Soft skills: Students will emphasize communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and professionalism.
- Xello and resume updates: Students will use Xello to update resumes, explore careers, and identify postsecondary and workforce opportunities.

3 Preparation for Industry Certifications

- Certification awareness: Students will review the purpose of industry certification objectives and certifications linked to their CTE pathways.
- Industry certification objectives: Students will focus on mastering industry certification objectives aligned to their career pathways.

4 Work-Based Learning and Internships

- Internship preparation: Students will equip themselves with workplace readiness skills, including professionalism, safety, and time management.
- Employer connections: Students will benefit from guest speakers, job shadowing, Day in the Life experiences, and site visits to local industries, including our Claim Your Future, World of Works, and My Next Move events.

5 Competitions and Community Engagement

- Competition preparation: Students will prepare for CTE competitions through Career Technical Student Organizations.
- Community engagement: Students will engage with the community through career exploration and industry-related activities.



College and Career Readiness

Keep your student engaged and prepared for their future this summer with these key College, Career & Life Readiness resources:

- [Xello](#) - Students can log in from their Clever Dashboard to explore careers, complete interest assessments, search for scholarships in grades 6-12, build academic plans, and track college and career goals.
- [CCLR Website](#) - Access district resources, college and career planning tools, and important updates for students and families.
- [Canvas CCLR Toolkit](#) - Families can review grade-level lessons, planning guides, and activities to support college and career readiness at home.
- [YouTube \(CCLR Videos\)](#) - Watch recorded webinars and step-by-step videos on topics such as Xello use, FAFSA completion, scholarships, and postsecondary planning.
- [Scholarships & Financial Aid](#) - Learn more about scholarships and financial aid to help support your student's future.

Parent Resource for [Life Skills & Wellness](#):

- [Overcoming Obstacles](#) (Life Skills Curriculum Resource) *NEW*
- A research-based program that helps students build key life skills such as:
 - Decision-making
 - Goal setting
 - Communication
 - Resilience and problem-solving

Community Mental Health & Wellness Partners [Children's Services Council of Broward County](#), Central hub for:

- Parenting support
- Youth services
- Community-based programs

Wellness, Mindfulness & Life Skills

- Inner Explorer (Mindfulness) Supports stress reduction, focus, and emotional regulation through guided mindfulness practices
- Inner Explorer [Free Family Account](#)

Testing Tip Flyers & Family Toolkits Age-specific strategies to:

- Manage stress
- Build confidence
- Support academic success at home

Local Wellness & Prevention Organizations

- [NAMI Broward](#)
- [Hanley Foundation](#)
- [Bougainvilla House](#)

How Parents Can Use These Resources

- Talk with your child regularly about emotions and stress
- Use mindfulness techniques daily (breathing, reflection, music)
- Access school-based supports early when concerns arise
- Explore family toolkits and online platforms together
- Reach out for help—support is available 24/7

Parent Tip: Build Life Skills Through Everyday Moments

Encourage your child to make small decisions each day—like choosing their schedule, solving a problem, or setting a simple goal. Then, talk it through together: “What worked? What would you try differently?”

These daily conversations help build confidence, responsibility, and strong decision-making skills that last a lifetime.



Summer Transition Resources

When parents combine clear routines, encouraging conversations, and meaningful enrichment opportunities, students are more likely to begin the new school year feeling prepared, supported, and ready to succeed.

Students Transitioning from 5th grade to 6th grade: <u>Middle School</u>	Students Transitioning from 8th grade to 9th grade: <u>High School</u>	Students and Families after High School Graduation: <u>School Counseling Department, College, Career and Life Readiness</u>
Reading support: Parents can use public library Summer Reading programs, school reading lists, and daily reading time at home to build comprehension and vocabulary.	Academic skill-building: Parents can encourage regular reading, writing, and math review to help students stay sharp before high school begins.	Enrollment and planning support: Families can help students complete orientation, registration, housing, transportation, immunization, and other required next-step tasks for starting their college journey.
Math practice resources: Families can reinforce multiplication, division, fractions, and problem-solving through learning apps, flash cards, cooking, shopping, and other real-life activities.	High school planning resources: Families can review graduation requirements, course pathways, electives, and extracurricular options to help students start 9th grade with a plan.	Planning tools: Families can use Xello, college portals, technical school websites, and career planning tools to help students stay organized and on track.
Organization practice: Parents can help students use a planner, set routines, pack materials, and practice managing responsibilities more independently.	Career and college exploration tools: Parents can use BCPS tools such as Xello to help students explore interests, careers, postsecondary pathways, and scholarship opportunities.	Career pathway exploration: Families can review local 2- and 4-year colleges, technical colleges, and workforce training programs for students exploring post-secondary options.



Chess

Chess4Life (K-12)

<https://chess4life.com>

Chess4Life is a dynamic, user-friendly platform that empowers students of all ages to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategic planning skills through the game of chess. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, Chess4Life supports continuous growth and fosters a lifelong love for learning. With engaging lessons, interactive challenges, and standards-based content aligned to academic goals, the platform makes learning chess both fun and educational.

Students at Broward County Public Schools have been actively involved in chess thanks to a district initiative that includes direct services from Chess4Life. All K–12 students and teachers have access to high-quality instructional resources, including video lessons, puzzles, and games. Students can easily access Chess4Life through their Clever portal.

Debate

Kialo Edu (K-12)

<https://www.kialo-edu.com/>

Starting from a central thesis, students add pros and cons, engaging with each other's arguments to build an interactive map of the entire discussion. Kialo is an online platform for interactive debates about various topics. Users (students, teachers, parents) can create a free account without entering an e-mail address and participate in closed or open debates.

iCivics (K-12)

<https://www.icivics.org/>

iCivics exists to engage students in meaningful civic learning. They provide well-written, inventive, and engaging resources that enhance and inspire students to be active citizens in their communities.

Founded in 2009 by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, iCivics is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to advancing civic learning by providing educators and students with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to embrace and engage in our civic life together.

National Speech and Debate Association (K-12)

<https://www.speechanddebate.org/resources/>

The National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) is the largest national network for speech and debate students. They have tons of free resources for how to coach your students, what competitive events should look like, and plenty of engaging activities students can do at home or in the classroom.

ProCon.org (K-12)

ProCon.org is a free, nonpartisan website that presents both sides of important issues—pros and cons—in a clear, easy-to-understand format. Students can explore real-world topics, compare arguments, and review facts and expert viewpoints in one place.

By examining multiple perspectives, students develop critical thinking, research, and communication skills while learning to form informed opinions and engage respectfully in discussions.

Music

Mr. Greg's Musical Madness (K-5)

<https://mrgregsmusicalmadness.com/>

Mr. Greg's Musical Madness is a song-singing, music-making, award-winning PBS “edu-tainer” who combines songs and an engaging comedic style to bring early social and music education together.

Mr. Henry's Music World (K-5)

<https://www.mrhenrysmusicworld.com/>

Mr. Henry's Music World provides high-quality elementary music education videos & lesson resources for music teachers across the world.

Music Theory Online (K-12)

<https://www.musictheory.net/>

Music theory activities. Notation, melody creation, chord structure and composition. Available for download as an app too.

Education.com (Music) (K-8)

<https://www.education.com/resources/the-arts-music/?cid=10.993>

Education.com celebrates the diversity of our users by offering differentiated resources that can meet a wide range of educational needs - and raise kids' confidence in learning. There are downloadable activities and worksheets with explanations and direction.

STEM+CS	
Code.org (K-12)	http://code.org Learn to code through available courses or create a story. Code a picture, or make a game using Sprite Lab, Artist, Game Lab or App Lab. (Available through Single Sign On for students)
Sci Starter (K-12)	http://scistarter.com Find and participate in citizen science projects that meet your interest and are easy to conduct.
Minecraft (K-12)	https://education.minecraft.net/en-us Utilize Minecraft Education Edition to participate in content area lessons, build challenges, and coding activities.
Design Squad Global (K-12)	https://pbskids.org/designsquad Find ideas for engineering projects that you can complete. PBS Design Squad includes guides, videos, and a variety of suggestions on various grade levels.
77 Daily STEM Activities (K-12)	http://dailystem.com/77-stem-activities-for-families Daily STEM lists fun STEM activities for families available in several different languages.
Ranger Rick (K-6)	https://rangerrick.org/ Ranger Rick provides environmentally aware interaction with games, videos, crafts, activities, and more from the National Wildlife Federation.
Khan Academy (K-12)	https://www.khanacademy.org/ Khan Academy includes STEM videos, quizzes, and practice problems on all topics. Teachers can set up classes and monitor students' progress as they complete tasks. Students can work towards earning digital badges. (Available through Single Sign On for students)
PhET Simulations (K-8)	https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/browse There are lots of good elementary science and math sims. Each simulation has a variety of lesson plans already created. Please read over these lessons and make any modifications to best suit your students' needs. Lessons are often translated in several languages.
Computer Science for Fun (K-12)	http://www.cs4fn.org/ Various computer science activities by grade level.
EarSketch (6-12)	https://ears sketch.gatech.edu/landing/#/learn EarSketch is a free educational programming environment. Its core purpose is to teach coding in two widely used languages, Python and JavaScript, through music composing and remixing.
Visual Arts	
Dick Blick (5-12)	https://www.dickblick.com/project-ideas/?srsId=AfmBOopWLtkJOVgBjkSGglnPyyLRRNbf6iNk8EvVOfi-8L6L2gVv74VY Dick Blick supports artists at all stages of their artistic journey. As a leading art supply company, they provide artists, educators, students, and our associates with the tools, assistance, and training needed to grow, innovate, and reach their creative potential.
#metkids (K-12)	https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/ #MetKids has been inspired, tested, and approved by real kids ages 7–12. We think that everyone can learn something from a kid-friendly explanation, and especially from the questions you are bold enough to ask.



Theater

Share my Lessons (K-12)	https://sharemylesson.com/subject/drama This site contains lessons and activities shared by Theater/Drama teachers for all grade levels. (Set design, script writing)
Child Drama (K-12)	https://www.childdrama.com/lessons.html Child Drama contains simple lesson plans for teachers/parents. It also has the fundamentals of acting, short interactive activities, play scripts and performance suggestions. Lesson instructions are included.
Drama Notebook (K-12)	https://www.dramanotebook.com/ Drama lessons for elementary, middle school, and high school.

Physical Education

PE Central (K-12)	https://www.pecentral.org/ PE Central includes videos on fitness, dance and other fun ways to stay fit. The PE lessons also include social and emotional learning.
Action for Healthy Kids Blog (K-12)	https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/game-on-activity-library/ Action for Healthy Kids is a national nonprofit that brings together dedicated volunteers and partners to make schools healthier places where kids thrive. They incorporate nutrition information into your home, show how technology and mental health can craft the next generation of physical education, making healthier meals and more!
GoNoodle	GoNoodle GoNoodle Good for elementary students, especially when parents need short indoor movement breaks. Active Schools notes that GoNoodle offers hundreds of short movement videos for kids.
American Heart Association (K-12)	https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/fitness/fitness-basics/aha-recs-for-physical-activity-in-children https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/fitness/fitness-basics In today's digital world, it can be hard to coax your kids to put down the devices and get moving. But with a little effort, you can help them learn healthy habits now and find activities they can love for a lifetime. The American Heart Association shares physical activity, healthy living, and fitness basics recommendations for kids.
US Games OPEN Curriculum (K-12)	https://openphysed.org/ OPEN was created with one idea in mind: provide the highest quality curriculum resources FREE to every school to provide equity of access to the entire physical education community. Active Home – OPEN Physical Education Curriculum Use the link to find activities and calendars for families to use to make your home an Active Home.

Bilingual/ESOL

Below is a detailed outline of the academic resources, tools, and strategies provided by the Bilingual/ESOL Department to support students and their families.

Academic Outline and Resources

Dual Language Program

- *Benchmark Adelante* (SLA) and *Advance* (ELA) are available in Spanish for dual-language schools.
- *Gallopade* is accessible in print and digitally in both English and Spanish for Social Studies instruction.
- *STEMscopes* and *Envision Math* are available digitally in English and Spanish, with paper-based materials for Envision Math in Spanish used in the 2 1/2-hour teaching model.
- Additional tools include *IStation Español* for Language Acquisition, *Time for Kids* for Social Studies, and *Discovery for Science*.
- Supplemental classroom resources such as teacher libraries and poetry materials are also provided.

World Languages

Students can access textbooks and workbooks through Canvas, which include:

- Spanish: *Senderos* (I-IV), *Galeria A-C* (Spanish Speakers I-IV), and *Temas*.
- French: *D'Accord* (I-IV).
- Elementary K-5: *Listos*.

ESOL Program

Imagine Language & Literacy is a key resource to support English Language Learners. Recommended usage includes:

- K-1: 20 minutes, 4 times per week.
- Grades 2-5: 30 minutes, 4 times per week.
- Grades 6-8: 30 minutes, 4 times per week.

Additional Resources for ELL Families

1

Open Canvas Course for ELL Families

The Bilingual/ESOL Department has developed an open Canvas course specifically for ELL families.

(<https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/867005>)

This course offers:

- **Information:** Guidance on navigating the educational system and understanding available academic resources.
- **Free Resources:** Access to curated websites and tools for students to practice vocabulary, English skills, and subject-specific content.
- **Support for ELLs:** Strategies for families to assist their children at home, including tips for language development, engaging with school staff, and creating effective study environments.

2

New to USA and BCPS

The "New to USA and BCPS" course

(<https://browardschools.instructure.com/enroll/493YHM>) provides English Language Learners (ELLs) and immigrant students from all grades (K-12) with essential information to navigate a new educational system and access academic resources.

3

International Welcome Center Resources

Families can also request free materials from the International Welcome Center (754) 321-2951, designed to support student learning at home during school breaks or after school hours.

Tips and Strategies for ESOL Parents

Here are actionable strategies for parents to support their children's English acquisition:

1. Create a Language-Rich Environment:

- Label household items in both English and the family's native language to build vocabulary.
- Play educational videos or listen to audiobooks in English to increase exposure to the language.

2. Encourage Daily Reading:

- Set aside time each day for your child to read books in English at their level. Consider using free resources and bilingual books.
- Read with your child and discuss new words to build comprehension.

3. Practice Speaking and Listening:

- Encourage your child to speak English daily, even in small, low-pressure settings like ordering food or introducing themselves.
- Use apps or resources, such as *Imagine Language & Literacy*, to practice speaking and listening skills.

4. Engage with Teachers:

- Communicate regularly with your child's teachers to understand their progress and challenges.
- Attend workshops or events offered by the school or the Bilingual/ESOL department for additional support.

5. Set a Study Routine:

- Help your child create a consistent schedule for using resources like *Imagine Language & Literacy* or websites shared in the Canvas course.

6. Encourage Watching TV in English:

- Watch TV shows, movies, or educational programs in English with closed captions turned on. This helps children connect spoken and written English, improving listening and reading skills simultaneously.

7. Encourage Patience and Positivity:

- Celebrate your child's efforts and progress, no matter how small, to build confidence and motivation.



Tips and Strategies for ESE Parents

Here are actionable strategies for parents to support their children.

1. Create a Visual Schedule:

- Develop a visual schedule that outlines daily activities during the break.
- Use pictures, symbols, or icons to represent different tasks and events.
- This can help students understand what to expect each day and reduce anxiety about changes in their routine.
- Hang the schedule in a visible area and review it together each morning.

2. Incorporate Daily Learning Activities:

- Plan short, structured learning sessions that mimic the school day.
- Include reading time, math games, or creative projects.
- Set aside specific times for these activities to maintain a sense of routine.
- Make it engaging by incorporating holiday themes or favorite subjects to keep your child motivated.

3. Set Regular Meal and Bedtimes:

- Establish consistent meal and bedtime routines.
- Keep these times like the school schedule to reinforce a sense of normalcy.
- Encourage family participation, such as cooking meals together or having a relaxing wind-down routine before bed to promote a sense of stability.

4. Use Social Stories or Role-Playing:

- Prepare social stories (short descriptions of situations, events or activities, which include specific information about what to expect in that situation and why.)
- Engage in role-playing activities that help students understand and navigate holiday events.
- Include scenarios like attending family gatherings or participating in holiday activities.
- Discuss expectations and potential changes to help reduce anxiety and prepare your child for different situations.

5. Incorporate Movement and Breaks:

- Build in regular movement breaks and downtime to help manage energy levels and focus.
- Include outdoor play or sensory breaks with calming activities.
- Encourage physical activities to maintain balance and routine while allowing your child to release pent-up energy.

6. Participate in Academic Activities:

- Review the guidance from Elementary and Secondary Learning and allow time in your schedule to participate in those activities.

Attendance Tips

Building Strong Attendance Habits Starts Now

Set Your Child Up for Success Before School Begins

A successful school year begins during the summer. Parents, you play a critical role in helping your child build the habits that will empower them show up every day, ready to learn, grow, and succeed!

Build a School Routine Early

Start small now so the first day of school feels easy.

- Move bedtime earlier by 10–15 minutes each week.
- Practice waking up and getting dressed each morning.
- Keep a consistent daily routine so the first day of school feels easy.



Keep Learning All Summer

Stay active and engaged so your child is ready for day one.

- Visit the Broward County Library Summer Learning Program.
- Read at least 15–20 minutes each day.
- Turn everyday moments like shopping or driving into learning opportunities.



Plan Ahead to Avoid Absences

Use summer wisely so your child doesn't miss school later.

- Schedule doctor and dentist appointments during summer.
- Plan vacations during school breaks.
- Review Broward County Public Schools attendance policies to understand excused and unexcused absences.



Build a Strong Support System

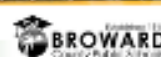
Help your child feel safe, confident, and ready.

- Confirm transportation before school starts.
- Connect with other families for support.
- Reach out to school staff if your child has concerns before the year begins.



Our school year is 180 days. Make every school day count! Students who attend regularly stay on track academically, build friendships, and feel confident and connected.

Every student.
Every voice.
EVERY SCHOOL DAY.



Attendance Tips

Building Strong Attendance Habits Starts Now

Do you have a middle school or high school student?

Here are a few tips to share with your teenager to help them prepare for a new school year.

Build Smart Habits Now

- Start going to bed earlier so you're not exhausted when school starts.
- Set alarms and practice waking up on your own.
- Limit late-night screen time (phones, gaming, streaming).



Stay Mentally Ready

- Keep your brain active with reading, podcasts or learning something new.
- Set a personal goal for next school year related to grades, attendance and activities.
- Reflect on what helped you succeed - or struggle - last school year.



Plan Your Transportation

- Know how you're getting to school (bus schedule, carpool, or driving plan).
- Do a "practice run" before school starts so you are confident and on time.
- Review Broward County Public Schools attendance policies to understand excused and unexcused absences.

Stay Connected

- Reach out to friends or classmates to stay motivated together.
- If you're starting at a new school, look up clubs, sports, or activities to join.
- Don't wait - email or visit your school if you have schedule or class questions.



Take Ownership of Your Attendance

- Make a personal commitment to show up every day.
- Showing up builds responsibility and independence.
- Avoid scheduling appointments during school hours.
- Remember: Missing class means missing important content you can't always make up.



There are only 180 school days. Make every school day count! Good attendance impacts grades, credits and graduation. It helps you stay on track for college, careers and future opportunities.

The best place to be is *in class!*
ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



SUMMER BREAK 2026 MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Your mental health matters every day of the year.
As schools close for summer break, we want to ensure
you have access to the support and resources you
may need during this time.

Remember, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

Wishing you peace, rest, and moments of joy this summer break.

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VISIT [211-BROWARD.ORG](https://211-broward.org)

NATIONAL SUICIDE CRISIS LIFELINE

TEXT "HOME" TO 741-741

CALL 9-8-8

VISIT [988LIFELINE.ORG](https://988lifeline.org)

HENDERSON CRISIS SERVICES MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM

CALL 954-463-0911

EAGLES HAVEN

WELLNESS & SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

CALL 954-618-0350

VISIT [EAGLESHAVEN.ORG](https://eagleshaven.org)

THE TREVOR PROJECT

TEXT "START" TO 678-678

CALL 1-866-488-7386

IMMUNIZATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Fort Lauderdale Health Center

**2421 SW 6th Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315**

Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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- There is no cost for eligible clients.

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Broward.FloridaHealth.gov**

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