

BACK to SCHOOL!

What's New in 2026/27



Message from the Superintendent



As we welcome students back to classes on **Monday, August 10, 2026**, I am excited about the opportunities that await in the new school year. We remain focused on providing innovative learning experiences, expanding pathways to college and careers, and ensuring safe, supportive schools where every student can thrive.

Our District has much to celebrate! We are proud to have earned an "A" grade from the Florida Department of Education for a third consecutive year. This achievement reflects the dedication of our educators and staff, the partnership of our families and the hard work of our students. Together, we continue to build a culture of excellence that strengthens teaching, learning and student success.

Thank you for being part of the Broward County Public Schools family. Let's make it a great school year!

Dr. Howard Hepburn
Superintendent, Broward County Public Schools



Strengthening Student Safety at Every Bus Stop

Keeping students safe remains our highest priority. This year, BCPS is expanding efforts to protect students at bus stops through the Broward County School Bus Safety Program in partnership with BusPatrol. The program uses AI-powered cameras to help detect drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses.

The initiative, which aims to improve safety for students traveling to and from school, will begin on August 10, with a 30-day warning period. As of September 9, drivers who violate the Florida law will receive a \$225 citation. Learn more at browardschools.com/buspatrol.



New Space Florida Partnership Enhances Aerospace Career Pathways

BCPS is partnering with Space Florida to offer the Space Florida Academy at nine high schools, expanding aerospace aviation and engineering pathways and workforce development opportunities. Students will benefit from industry-aligned coursework, certifications, hands-on learning, employer partnerships and access to a job portal featuring companies that offer hiring preferences to Space Florida Academy graduates.

Participating Schools:

- Blanche Ely High School
- Coral Springs High School
- Northeast High School
- Boyd Anderson High School
- Charles W. Flanagan High School
- Piper High School
- Coral Glades High School
- Miramar High School
- Plantation 6-12



Game Changer: Six More BCPS Schools Receive New Artificial Turf Fields

Six additional high schools will receive new artificial turf athletic fields this school year: Blanche Ely High School, Coconut Creek High School, McArthur High School, Miramar High School, Pompano Beach High School and South Plantation High School.

This brings the total number of high schools with artificial turf fields to nine (Deerfield Beach High School, Dillard 6-12 and South Broward High School were previously completed). The District plans to add six schools annually until all high school fields are converted. Artificial turf fields support year-round use for athletics, physical education, marching bands and other activities while reducing maintenance needs.



New Magnet Programs

- **STEAM (A is for Aviation) – Silver Shores STEAM Academy K-8:** Hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, aviation and mathematics that fosters innovation, problem-solving and career exploration.
- **Artificial Intelligence in Media (AIM) & the Performing and Visual Arts – Deerfield Park Elementary School:** Blends creativity, media production, the arts and age-appropriate artificial intelligence.
- **Artificial Intelligence in Media (AIM) – Deerfield Beach Middle School and Deerfield Beach High School:** Project-based learning in artificial intelligence, digital media and emerging technologies to prepare students for problem solving and career exploration.

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- **Academy of Entrepreneurship and Technology – Hallandale Magnet High School:**
Combines entrepreneurship, technology and digital media to develop business and innovative skills.
- **Marine Mechanic Pathway – Northeast High School:**
Hands-on training in marine engine diagnostics, repair and maintenance.
- **Maritime Technology Pathway – Stranahan High School:**
Prepares students for careers in South Florida's growing marine and maritime industries.
- **Public Safety and Leadership – Plantation 6-12:**
Students engage in advanced academics with public safety and civic career pathways.



New Innovative Programs

- **STEM – Atlantic West Elementary School:**
Hands-on learning that strengthens critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving.
- **Aerospace/Aircraft Assembler – Coral Springs High School:**
Introduces students to aircraft assembly, aerospace systems and aviation careers.
- **Science & Technology – Liberty Elementary School:**
Inquiry-based science and technology instruction focused on innovation and collaboration.
- **Sports Recreation & Entertainment Marketing – Bennett Elementary School, Sunrise Middle School, Fort Lauderdale High School:**
Age-appropriate programs that promote leadership, teamwork, wellness, marketing (high school only) and exploration of careers in sport-related fields.
- **Psychology, Behavioral & Social Science – Nova High School:**
Students explore human behavior while building critical thinking, research and communication skills.

Learn more about BCPS Magnet and Innovative Programs at browardschools.com/magnet.



Exciting Changes

- **Hallandale Magnet High School** is debuting its new 4-day school week. The schedule change was part of the Redefining our Schools initiative. The high school offers a magnet program focused on Entrepreneurship and Technology.
- **Plantation 6-12** is the District's newest 6-12 campus as it prepares to welcome its first middle school students!



What's New on the Menu

The BCPS Food and Nutrition Services Department continues to serve healthy, nutritious and great-tasting meals. In addition to menu items students know and love, this year options include:

Available at All Grade Levels (K-12)

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| • Arroz con Pollo Bowl | • Street Corn |
| • Chicken Lo Mein with Vegetable Egg Roll | • Korean BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich |
| • Plant-Based Fiesta Wrap with Hummus | • Sliced Garlic Pizza |
| • Plant-Based Fiesta Salad with Hummus | • Honey Cheerios |
| • Cajun Fries | • Bagels with Cream Cheese |

Learn about school menus, special diets and how to report food allergy accommodations at browardschools.com/specialdiets.



School Meal Benefits for 2026/27

BCPS Food and Nutrition Services is excited to announce 141 Districts schools are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which provide free lunch to students at those qualifying schools.

Families at schools that do not qualify for the program need to submit a Meal Benefits Application to determine if students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. To determine your school's eligibility and access the application, visit the BCPS Food and Nutrition Services webpage at: browardschools.com/mealbenefits.

Students who receive SNAP or TANF benefits, or who participate in Head Start, foster care, homeless or migrant programs automatically qualify for free lunch.

2026/27 Lunch Prices at the 80 Schools Requiring Families to Complete Meal Benefits Applications

Reduced-price lunches remain **\$0.40**. Full-price lunches will increase by **\$1.00** at all grade levels:

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| • Elementary School: \$4.00 | • Middle School: \$4.35 | • High School: \$4.50 |
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▶ **Reminder: All BCPS students receive free breakfast through the USDA Universal Free Breakfast Program.**

Learn more at Browardschools.com/backtoschool