

TALES FROM THE POD



A Message from Dr. Osgood, Principal

Dear Discovery Families,

Happy October! Our Dolphins have been working hard, staying focused, and making great choices each day. We are especially proud to see more students arriving on time every morning, ready to learn and starting the day strong.

We are excited to recognize students who attend school every day, arrive on time, and remain in school for the full day without early sign-outs. Each month, students will receive a certificate for a kids meal at a local restaurant as a special thank-you for demonstrating strong attendance habits. For the month of September, a total of 443 students received their Perfect Attendance Restaurant Kids Meal Certificate!



Our students are also holding themselves responsible and making good choices throughout the day. As a result, many Dolphins have been proudly claiming prizes through our digital Dolphins Store, celebrating their positive behavior and commitment to doing their best.

Thank you, families, for your cooperation and understanding when dismissal is delayed due to lightning warnings. While we know delays can be inconvenient, we remain committed to keeping all students safe and will always make decisions with their well-being as our top priority.

October will be busy with lots of learning and fun for the whole family and we look forward to seeing you at our schoolwide events. Always remember that YOU play a big part in making Discovery Elementary "A" Great Place to Be!

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Important Dates

Same
Students
Brighter
Tomorrows

Small
School
Big Hearts
Bright
Futures

Discovery Elementary



10/9

Early Release

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



10/12

Employee Planning

No School for Students



10/21

Report Cards Issued
on FOCUS

Proud to Be Dolphins

KINDNESS ♥ LEARNING ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

BETTER
TOGETHER

LEARN

BELONG

ACHIEVE

TOGETHER

KIND
PEOPLE
BRIGHTER
DAYS

DOLPHINS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

GOOD FRIENDS

GREAT LEARNERS

BRIGHT FUTURES

DISCOVERY

— ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

LEARN • GROW • BELONG • ACHIEVE

DISCOVERY
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

GREAT
STUDENTS
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS



IMPORTANT DATES

FOR DISCOVERY FAMILIES



EARLY RELEASE DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

Students will be dismissed
at 12:00PM.

Please make the necessary
arrangements for pickup.



TEACHER PLANNING DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

No school for students.

Teachers will be engaged
in planning and professional
development.

A" Great Place to Be!

DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY

— LEARN • LEAD • SUCCEED —

DISMISSAL REMINDERS

HELP US KEEP DISMISSAL SAFE, SMOOTH, AND EFFICIENT!



1 CAR RIDERS



- Car riders must be picked up in a car.
- A CurbSmart tag is required for car rider pickup.
- If you need a CurbSmart tag, please reach out to your child's teacher.



Car riders: Students are to load from the right side of the vehicle. We kindly ask that parents remain in their vehicle and pull all the way forward.



2 WALKERS



- Parents who walk up (walkers) are released by the Art Room near the bike rack (East).



3 TRAFFIC FLOW & PICKUP LOCATIONS



- All cars must drop off and pick up in the parent lot located off of our Pine Island entrance.
- Buses and private vans are the only vehicles allowed in our commercial entrance in the bus loop.



IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Changes in dismissal must be received in writing **before 1:30 PM.**



Thank you for helping us keep Discovery safe!



LEAGUE OF LEADERS ★ VARSITY DOLPHINS



SCHOOL UNIFORM

★ REMINDER ★

Discovery Elementary • League of Leaders



★ STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR:



SHIRTS:

White, Gray,
Black, or Teal



BOTTOMS:

Black or Khaki



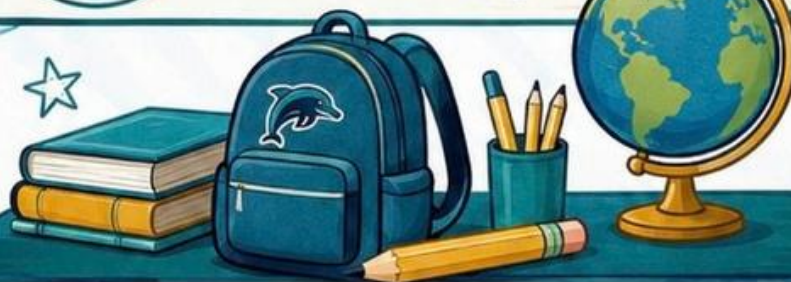
ID BADGE:

Please wear your
student ID badge.



Dress for
SUCCESS

*and come ready to
learn every day!*



SAFE



RESPECTFUL



RESPONSIBLE



COOPERATIVE

★ **LEAD THE POD!** ★

Congratulations!

2026-27 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. April Stewart

5th Grade ELA Teacher · Team Leader

Ms. Stewart's commitment to educating, inspiring, and supporting all students makes a meaningful difference every day. We celebrate her outstanding leadership, her passion for learning, and the positive impact she has across our school community.



Congratulations, Ms. Stewart!

2026-27 SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Ms. Chasity Jean-Francois

Education Support Professional · ASD Special Program

Ms. Jean-Francois serves our students in the ASD Special Program with patience, care, and dedication every single day. We celebrate the compassion she brings to her work and the meaningful difference she makes for our students, families, and staff.



Congratulations, Ms. Jean-Francois!



Back Row (L to R): Ms. Laessig, Trenton Todman Wallace, Kailee Voltaire, Azariah Rivera, Janessa Washington.

Front Row (L to R): Khamryn Mills, Gianna Del Rio, Serenity Hawkins, and Adele Omisande. (Missing from the photo: Chrystina Vavik and Luke Tillman)

Meet Our Debate Team!

Our Debate Club allows students to strengthen their public speaking, critical thinking, research, teamwork, and leadership skills while learning how to respectfully share ideas and listen to different perspectives. Through debate, our Dolphins will practice using evidence to support their opinions, speaking with confidence, and collaborating with peers in a positive and engaging way.

We look forward to seeing our student debaters grow as communicators, thinkers, and leaders this year.

Go Dolphins!



BE HERE!
BE AWESOME!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Celebrating Students with
Perfect Attendance Every Month!

INCENTIVES/PRIZES:

- ★ Restaurant certificates
- ★ Your name will appear on
our Perfect Attendance Board.



★ CRITERIA: ★



Be in your
seat by 8:00 AM



No early
sign outs

Show up, ★
be on time, and
shine all
month long!



YOU
MAKE OUR
SCHOOL
PROUD!

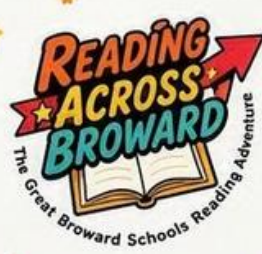
EVERY DAY
COUNTS!



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READING ACROSS BROWARD



The Reading Across Broward (RAB) challenge runs from **March 31 – April 1st** annually.
All schools will record minutes read in the platform.
★ Minutes read is based on **20 minutes per day**.

Login to your **Clever Dashboard** to access the **Beanstack** app.

Below is an "alignment" of minutes read and the respective Reading Across Broward (RAB) recognition award status.

Grades PreK-2

Level 1	Minutes Read	RAB Award
PreK-Gr. 2	600	★ Bronze/Participation
	1200	★ Silver
	1800	★ Gold
	2500	★ Honor Roll

Grades 3-5

Level 2	Minutes Read	RAB Award
Gr. 3-5	2000	★ Bronze/Participation
	3500	★ Silver
	5500	★ Gold
	7000	★ Honor Roll



READ MORE. ACHIEVE MORE. DISCOVER MORE!

♥ Every minute counts. Every reader matters. ♥





SCHOOL

Advisory Council

DISCOVERY
*Stronger
Together*

STUDENTS

FAMILIES

STAFF

COMMUNITY

You're Invited to Attend

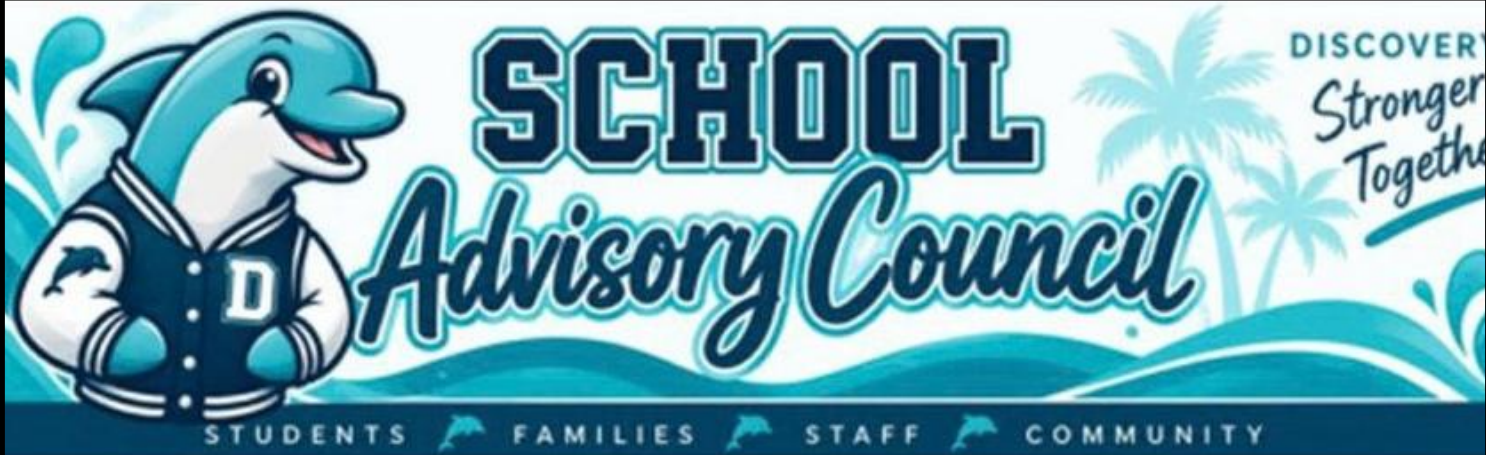
Discovery Elementary School's
School Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Media Center
5:00 PM

Upcoming Events

- October 12th - No School
- October 13th – 16th - Fall Book Fair
- October 14th - Books, Bites & Bright Futures
- October 27th - Quarter 1 Awards (3rd – 5th Grade)
- October 29th -PTO Candy Crawl
- October 30th - Storybook Character Parade

Topics will include:

- Principal Updates
- Safety
- School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
- School Accountability Funds
- SAC Board Positions
- Title I Addendum



Discovery Elementary

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Welcome

Jennifer Tomlinson, SAC Chair
Stephanie Garcia, SAC Secretary

Principal

- Progress Monitoring Plan
- School Accountability Funds
- Referendum

Dr. Ingrid Osgood

Assistant Principal

- Safety & Security
- School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

Ms. Danyelle deVarona

School Improvement Plan

- SAC Board Positions
- Title I Addendum

Jennifer Tomlinson, SAC Chair

Concerns/New Business/ Procedures
Meeting Adjournment

Jennifer Tomlinson, SAC Chair

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th, 2026
"A Great Place to Be!"

Discovery Elementary

School Advisory Forum



Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Welcome	Krystal Schechter, SAC Chair
SAF Bylaws	Krystal Schechter, SAC Chair
Central Area Updates	Edlynne Guerrier
Concerns/ New Business/ Procedures	
Meeting Adjournment	Krystal Schechter, SAC Chair

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th, 2026

"A Great Place to Be!"



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DIGITAL DOLPHIN STORE

Be Respectful ★ Be Responsible ★ Be a Leader

GOOD
BEHAVIOR
BUILDS
BRIGHT
FUTURES!



POSITIVE
CHOICES
=
DOLPHIN
POINTS!



Leaders Earn Here!

HOW CAN YOU EARN DOLPHIN POINTS?

You can earn points throughout the day by showing:



CAFETERIA BEHAVIOR

Use good manners
and follow
expectations.



HALLWAY BEHAVIOR

Walk safely,
keep hands to
yourself, and
follow directions.



SPECIALS BEHAVIOR

Be a good listener,
participate, and
show respect.



CITIZENSHIP

Be kind, helpful,
and make our
school a better
place!



CLASSROOM ENGAGEMENT

Participate, try
your best, and
stay on task.



BE RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE

Use kind words,
make good choices,
and take care of
our school and
each other.

SPEND YOUR POINTS!

Visit the Digital Dolphin Store
to use your points for awesome rewards
like school supplies, fun items, experiences
and more!



LEADERS
SHOP
HERE!

MAKE
GREAT
CHOICES
EVERY DAY!

KIND
RESPONSIBLE
RESPECTFUL
SAFE
LEADERS



Discovery
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SAME SCHOOL ★ BRIGHTER FUTURES ★ VARSITY DOLPHINS

DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S HARVEST DRIVE 2026

Help Others ♥ Share Kindness ♥ Make a Difference!



Help us help others by donating items listed below.

Students may drop off their donations daily in the Main Rotunda.

Please check the expiration dates before donating.

- 🍁 Cereal
- 🍁 Powdered Milk
- 🍁 Pancake Mix
- 🍁 Canned/Powdered Gravy
- 🍁 Canned Cranberry Sauce
- 🍁 Canned Fruit
- 🍁 Canned Soup
- 🍁 Macaroni and Cheese
- 🍁 Peanut Butter
- 🍁 Jelly
- 🍁 Apple Sauce

- 🍁 Canned Vegetables
- 🍁 Cookies
- 🍁 Crackers
- 🍁 Canned Pasta Sauce
- 🍁 Pasta
- 🍁 Rice
- 🍁 Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- 🍁 Canned Sweet Potatoes
- 🍁 Stuffing
- 🍁 Cornbread Muffin Mix

Giving
Feels
Good! ♥

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE

SMALL
DONATIONS
MAKE A
BIG
DIFFERENCE ♥

Thank you for generously supporting the Harvest Drive
and our efforts to provide a happy and healthy Thanksgiving
to food insecure families in our Broward County Schools.

Fall Book Fair

Readers
Today

Brighter
Tomorrow

Good
Books
Brighter
Days



READ

LEARN

GROW

BELONG

TOGETHER

Fall
into
a good
book!

Books
Make a
Brighter
World!

A
Brighter
World
Through
Books

READ
more
BE KIND
STAY CURIOUS

October 9, 2026 – October 16, 2026

Students will be scheduled to shop 2 days
during their specials time.

Family Night

Wednesday, October 14
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Come explore great books and
celebrate the joy of reading!

Books
are a
Harvest
of Happy
Thoughts

Small
Readers
Make a
Big Difference

ADVENTURE

FRIENDSHIP

MYSTERY

KINDNESS

BIG DREAMS

COZY
BOOKS
HAPPY
HEARTS

GOOD BOOKS ♥ BRIGHTER PEOPLE ♥ A KINDER TOMORROW



DISCOVERY DOLPHINS
★ LEAGUE OF LEADERS ★



BOOKS, BITES, AND BRIGHT FUTURES

A FAMILY EVENT FOR READING, MATH & SCIENCE SUCCESS!

Join us for an exciting evening of learning, laughter, and family connection! Students and families will engage together in hands-on activities that build bright futures for our League of Leaders!



ALL ACTIVITIES ARE
MEANT FOR STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES TO
ENGAGE TOGETHER!



WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2026



5:30 – 7:00 PM



SHOP THE BOOK FAIR!
4:30 – 5:30 PM
BEFORE THE EVENT!

SESSION 1 30 MINUTES



MUSEUM OF
DISCOVERY
& SCIENCE
AUTONATION IMAX THEATER

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Explore, discover, and be amazed with exciting, hands-on science experiments!



SESSION 2 30 MINUTES

M^ATHNASIUM[®]
The Math Learning Center

HANDS-ON MATH GAMES

Play, problem-solve, and build confidence with fun math games!



SESSION 3 30 MINUTES



NEW WORLD'S
LEARNING
Enriching Lives. Building Futures.

HANDS-ON LITERACY ACTIVITIES

Read, create, and grow through fun, engaging literacy activities!



SIGN UP FOR **FREE BOOK DELIVERY** FOR YOUR CHILD!

Take home new books to keep the learning going!



SANDWICH DINNER

★ ★ ★ PROVIDED BY ★ ★ ★
NEW WORLD'S LEARNING

Enjoy a delicious dinner together while you learn!

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER
FOR THE EVENT!



Discovery
Dolphins

COME READY TO **LEARN, PLAY, AND LEAD** TOGETHER!



READING



MATH



SCIENCE



FAMILY

Stronger
Together



DISCOVERY

— ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

BE KIND | BE SMART | BE SAFE | BE YOU

OCTOBER
19 – 23
2026

CONNECTED
LEARNERS
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

*Good
Digital Citizens
Make a
Brighter World!* 

WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK?

Digital Citizenship Week is a global campaign led by Common Sense Education to help students build the knowledge, skills and habits to be safe, kind and responsible in the digital world.

WHY IT MATTERS

Technology is a big part of our lives! This week helps us learn how to use technology in positive, healthy and responsible ways so we can be safe, be kind, and make a difference online and offline.



BETTER DIGITAL CITIZENS
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

THE GOLDEN RULE OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

**"Treat others online
the way you want
to be treated."**



BE KIND. BE RESPECTFUL.
BE THOUGHTFUL.

THE 5 CORE RULES OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

FROM COMMON SENSE & ISTE



1

BE RESPECTFUL

Treat yourself and others with kindness. Use positive words and actions online and offline.



2

BE SAFE

Keep your personal information private. Make smart choices and tell a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.



3

BE RESPONSIBLE

Take care of your devices. Follow rules and use technology for learning and good choices.



4

BE AN UPSTANDER

Speak up and report bullying, hurtful behavior or something that seems wrong.



5

BE MINDFUL

Balance your time online and offline. Make healthy choices that are good for your mind and body.

HOW TO BE A GOOD DIGITAL CITIZEN



Choose kind and respectful words.



Be a friend online and offline.



Keep personal information private.



Take breaks and keep a healthy balance.



Use technology to learn, create and make a positive difference!



DIGITAL CITIZENS TODAY.
STRONGER TOMORROW.



BIG TOP RAFFLE COMPETITION



Celebrate **National School Lunch Week** with Food and Nutrition Services from October 12–16 for a chance to win a **\$100 Visa Gift Card***

HOW TO EARN A RAFFLE ENTRY

Have a School Meal:

- Lunch = 3 entries
- Breakfast = 1 entry

***Must earn at least 5 entries to qualify for the raffle!**

***15 Total Winners:**
5 Elementary, 5 Middle, &
5 High School Students



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



DISCOVERY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK 2026

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BE A HERO. STAY DRUG FREE!



OCTOBER 23RD – OCTOBER 30TH

FRIDAY
OCTOBER
23



PUT DRUGS TO BED!

Dress up in your favorite pajamas.
Only school appropriate pajamas and shoes allowed.

Crocs and open-toe shoes are not permitted.

Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free

MONDAY
OCTOBER
26



SUPERHERO DAY!

Dress like your favorite superhero!

Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free

TUESDAY
OCTOBER
27



WEAR YOUR FAVORITE DISNEY ATTIRE!

Wear your favorite Disney t-shirt/outfit or
dress as your favorite Disney character.

Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER
28



WE DECLARE WAR ON DRUGS!

Wear your favorite camouflage shirt/pants or outfit!

Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free

THURSDAY
OCTOBER
29

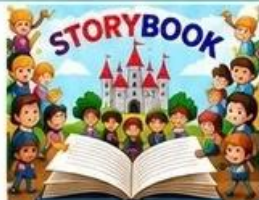


RALLY IN RED! LET'S BE DRUG FREE!

Wear your favorite **RED** shirt/t-shirt/clothing item to show your
support for a healthy and drug free lifestyle!

Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free

FRIDAY
OCTOBER
30



SAY BOO TO DRUGS!

Dress up as your favorite storybook character!
Frightening/violent and weapons or dangerous looking items are not
permitted. Parents are invited to watch the parade in the cafeteria.

Discovery Dolphins are Drug Free

TOGETHER, WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



TOGETHER, WE CAN
STAY DRUG FREE.

Discovery Elementary School

STORYBOOK CHARACTER PARADE



Friday,
October 30, 2026



Dolphin Diner
@ 8:30 am

PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND!

STORYBOOK CHARACTER PARADE
PRE-REGISTRATION



In an effort to save time and to be more efficient, we are asking that if you plan to attend, please pre-register for the ceremony by clicking the link below and completing the survey in its entirety.

Please be reminded that you **MUST** show your government issued ID in order to enter the building. Per the Broward Schools Office of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness, photos of your ID cannot be accepted. We look forward to celebrating with you!

This annual tradition shows our excitement for books and the colorful characters that exist in them.

Join in the fun and dress up as your favorite storybook character and parade around the school.

Violent and frightening costumes are not acceptable. Weapons or dangerous looking items will not be permitted. Parents are invited to watch the parade in the cafeteria.



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2026

MOCK

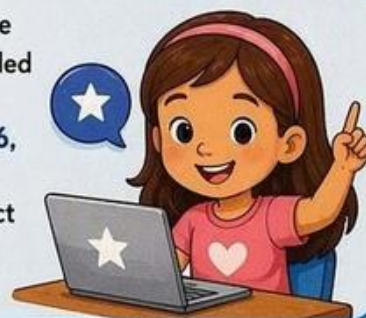
GUBERNATORIAL
ELECTION



STUDENT ONLINE VOTING



Every student is invited to participate in the 2026 **Kids Voting** Online Mock Vote modeled after the General Election. Online voting will take place **Monday, November 2, 2026**, through an online portal. Online voting is optional for students. Parents please contact your child's teacher if you choose to have your child not participate.



On **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**, Florida will be participating in the Gubernatorial Election. All Broward County Public School students will have the opportunity to cast their votes online through the **Kids Voting** portal. This is an opportunity for all educators in Broward to teach the election process and civic responsibility.



BE INFORMED. ★ BE INVOLVED. ★ BE HEARD.

≡ Every voice matters. Every vote counts. ≡

Broward County Public Schools

Parent Guidance on Concerns with AI, Apps or Classroom Technology

Questions about instructional technology and the objection process

Can I opt my child out of AI or classroom technology? Generally, no. Florida law does not provide a blanket opt-out from all AI, software, websites, apps, or classroom technology. Parents may learn what is being used, review instructional materials, ask questions, and object to a specific material or technology through the District process.

If I have a concern, what should I do?

#	Step	Action
1	Identify the technology	Determine the specific AI platform, software, app, website, or digital instructional resource.
2	Talk with the school	Discuss the concern with the teacher, principal, or school administrator before filing a formal objection.
3	Review the instructional material	Parents may inspect software, educational applications, digital content, and electronic instructional resources.
4	Submit a written objection, if needed	Use the District Instructional Materials Objection Form. Identify the specific material, explain the concern, and include contact information.
5	District review	The review committee evaluates the objection and makes a recommendation, which may include keeping, limiting, allowing an alternative, moving, or removing the material.
6	School Board review	If you disagree with the recommendation, you may request School Board review.
7	State review	After District review, Florida law may allow additional review through the Florida Department of Education in certain circumstances.

Parents may ask about...

- Why the technology is being used
- Whether it is required or optional
- How it supports student learning
- What student information is collected
- Whether another instructional option is available

Frequently asked questions

What is my first step?

Visit the website <https://browardschools.ai/#faq>. If you have additional questions, start with the teacher and school administration.

Can I opt out of every AI or technology program?

No. There is no blanket opt-out.

Can I see the materials?

Yes. Parents may review instructional materials, including digital resources and software.

Will my child automatically get an alternative assignment?

Not necessarily. Alternatives may be considered when appropriate and operationally feasible.

How is student information protected?

Data stays within the district's protected systems and approved vendor environments governed by data privacy agreements. Access is limited by role to the staff who need it for instruction and support. <https://browardschools.ai/#policy>

Need more information?

1. Contact your child's teacher.
2. Contact your school principal.
3. Review School Board Policy 4140.
4. Contact the appropriate District office for help with the instructional materials objection process.

Our commitment: BCPS values strong partnerships with parents. Families are encouraged to ask questions, learn about classroom resources, and work collaboratively with schools to support every student's education.

Prepared as a parent-friendly summary of District guidance regarding AI, apps, classroom technology, and the instructional materials objection process.



SECURE THE NEXT **GENERATION**

REFERENDUM **RENEWAL**

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Safety and Security

17% of referendum funds collected (\$39 million) were invested in safety and security with approximately 393 positions, and software including the following:

Personnel (393 positions):

- Security Specialists – 185
- School Resource Officer Contracted Services – 201
- Armed school safety officers – contracted guardians – 7

Safety Technology and Services:

- Centegix and SaferWatch software licenses – \$1.7 million

Mental Health 8% of collected referendum funds (\$18 million) were invested in mental health with approximately 224 positions, including the following:

- Behavior Intervention Specialists – 11
- Family Counselors & Therapists – 30
- Guidance Counselors (Elementary) – 30
- Guidance Directors (High) – 5
- Mental Health Support Positions (Admin Assistant) – 24
- School Nurses – 17
- School Psychologists – 16
- School Social Workers – 14
- Teachers (includes Hospital Homebound/Suicide Prevention) – 77

How does BCPS compare to neighboring districts?

Broward County competes directly with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the School District of Palm Beach County for teachers and staff. Both neighboring districts levy a one-mill property tax for similar purposes. Without this renewal, BCPS would be at a significant competitive disadvantage in recruiting and retaining qualified educators and staff.



SECURE THE NEXT GENERATION REFERENDUM RENEWAL

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Secure the Next Generation Referendum?

The Secure the Next Generation Referendum is a one-mill property tax renewal that funds teacher and staff compensation supplements, school safety personnel and mental health professionals across all Broward County public schools, including charter schools. Voters first approved this investment in 2018 as a half-mill under the name Secure the Next Generation Referendum, then renewed and increased it to one mill in 2022 under the same name. The current referendum expires at the end of 2026, and the School Board has placed this four-year renewal, again named the Secure the Next Generation Referendum, on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot.

Is this a new tax or a tax increase?

No. This is a renewal of the existing one-mill property tax that voters already approved. If renewed, the millage rate stays the same. This is not a new tax, and it is not an increase.

When will Broward County vote on the referendum?

The referendum will appear on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot.

What is a mill or millage rate?

The mill or millage rate is the amount of property value used to calculate local property taxes. One mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of taxable property value (or \$100 per \$100,000).

Why does BCPS need to renew the referendum?

The current Secure the Next Generation Referendum, approved by voters in 2022, is set to expire. Without renewal, Broward County Public Schools will lose \$358 million annually — funding that currently supports over 393 school safety personnel, more than 224 mental health professionals, and compensation supplements for teachers and eligible staff.

Since voters approved this funding, BCPS has earned consecutive A District ratings — the first in over a decade — and recorded a 97.5% graduation rate across traditional District high schools — results driven by the teachers and staff this referendum helps the District attract and keep.

Outside of the legislative process, a referendum is the School Board's only option to raise additional funds for these priorities.

The referendum renewal would continue securing funds for all public schools — including charter schools — to:

- Recruit and retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff through compensation supplements
- Maintain and enhance school resource officers and school safety staff
- Maintain and enhance essential programs such as mental health services



How will referendum funds be allocated, and who decides?

The School Board of Broward County, FL, retains the authority to vote on the allocation of referendum funds each year through its formal budget adoption process. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the allocation of funds prior to distribution.

During the current referendum period, a small portion of funds were allocated to compensation for certain District administrators. The Board has since adopted a restriction ensuring referendum funds will not be used for top administrator compensation going forward.

The referendum renewal would continue securing funds for all public schools — including charter schools — to:

- 90% or more to provide compensation supplements to recruit and retain teachers and eligible staff
- Up to 10% to provide funding for school resource officers and school safety staff, and to preserve important programs, such as mental health services and personnel.

All compensation will be subject to collective bargaining. These funds will not be available until the 2027/28 school year.

REMINDER



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.
Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

Safety is Our #1 Priority



2026/27 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar.

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

MARCH				
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29	30	31		

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
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26	27	28	29	30

MAY				
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JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued Grade 12 K – Grade 11
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Severe Weather Make-Up Days: 10/9/26, 12/18/26, 3/18/27, 4/30/27 & 5/28/27

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