

Back-to-School CHECKLIST

The first day of school is August 29th.
Use this checklist to prepare for a successful school year.



Make sure your child is up to date on required immunizations

Not sure which ones your child needs to attend school? Visit philasd.org/vax.



Know your child's bell & bus schedule

Check the school's website or call the school office for details.



Readjust your child's sleep schedule

About 1-2 weeks before the first day of school, start gradually setting back your child's bedtime and waking them up earlier (if needed) to make the transition back to a structured school routine easier.



Shop ahead for school supplies

Check the school's website for a list of the school supplies, uniforms and other items your child will need for school.



Update your contact information

Moved? New phone number? Emergency contacts changed? Contact the school and let them know. Correct information on file at your child's school allows the school to share important updates and contact you in an emergency.



Support your child's daily attendance

Attending school all day and every day is vital for your child's success. Have challenges that could impact your child's attendance? Reach out to your child's principal or teachers. They can help.



Register for a parent and family portal account

You'll have direct access to information about your child's grades, test scores, attendance, immunization records, and much more. Visit philasd.org/pfportal



Volunteer your time or expertise

Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school do better academically and socially. Talk to your child's teachers or principal about joining the school advisory council or volunteering in other ways. Visit philasd.org/face/volunteer



Check your child's Chromebook

Having issues? Our technology support centers are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except Wednesdays which have extended hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find list of centers at philasd.org/chromebooks

