

Update: PreK-5 Return to In-Person Learning – October 14, 2020

Dear CPS PreK-5 Families:

The Board of Education approved students in grades PreK-5 to return to in-person learning four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) beginning **October 19**. Students enrolled in CPSElementary@Mizzou are not impacted by this decision.

We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners back to our buildings. Below is important information for families as we prepare for our return. Re-entry plans and protocols for our return are also included in the district's plan available at <https://www.cpsk12.org/fall2020>.

Health and Safety

Students will be expected to wear masks. Please review handwashing and masking wearing expectations with your child. A video is available as part of the district's Parent-Community University series: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EC-HJuXAnQ&feature=youtu.be>

Your child's class is your child's stable group. Students will remain with their stable group during the day and during recess time.

If your child is sick, please have the child stay home. If your child or someone in your home currently has COVID-19, please stay home and call your child's school for next steps.

More information on protocols, plans and safety information is included in the district's reopening plans available at <https://www.cpsk12.org/fall2020>.

School calendar and start times

[2020-21 school year calendar](#)

Elementary schools do not all have the same start and end times. Please check to see what times your school is in session. [What time does school start?](#)

Transportation

Over the summer families provided the district with information on their transportation needs. Based on that information, bus routes were developed. If you indicated you would need transportation to and/or from school, a route and bus stop has been assigned. [Find my bus stop](#)

If you need to make a change or do not have a stop assigned, please contact your child's school.

While the district is providing transportation to eligible riders, families are still encouraged to provide their own transportation, if possible, to reduce the number of

students on the bus. Social distancing will be difficult to achieve on a school bus. Students are expected to wear a mask on the bus.

School Meals

Students will eat meals in their classrooms. If your child has a food allergy, accommodations will be made and shared with you. Meals will continue to be delivered using the [Grab-and-Go routes](#) for virtual students and will be available to in-person students on Wednesdays.

If your child will be eating school meals, make sure to add funds to their lunch account. You can do this online at: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getlogin>

Families are also encouraged to [complete the free and reduced-price lunch application](#) if they are in need of assistance. The application process is confidential.

For more information visit <https://www.cpsk12.org/nutritionservices>

School Supplies

Each school will be sending out instructions on how and when to return supply kit items to school so they can be ready for your child's return to the classroom.

Specials

Specials include physical education, media, music, and art. A calendar has been developed to designate each in-seat instructional day between Oct. 19 and Jan. 15 as an A, B, C, or D day. This plan ensures that all elementary specials will be taught by a qualified specialist and reduces the number of students a specialist will see over a 14-day period. Each building classroom teacher will know and communicate to students and families which specials class (art, music, media, or physical education) they have on any designated day. The calendar is attached.

Making changes to your enrollment choice

If you are interested in making a change to your original enrollment selection of in-person or online learning, you can contact your child's school to be placed on a waiting list. If space is available and a change in your selection is possible, you will be contacted with next steps and options. Changes will not be immediate. Additionally, if you are requesting to move from virtual to in-person, space may not be available at your home school building.

Please look for additional information directly from your child's school. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 19!

Thank you,

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