



# Parent and Student Guide for the 2017-2018 School Year

Schools Open  
Tuesday,  
September 5  
for Students

## Back-to-School for the 2017-2018 School Year

Start the 2017-2018 school year with all of your friends, **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. It will be the first full day of classes for all students and we look forward to seeing you. Use this guide to return ready for school. Until then, have a safe and happy summer!

## 2017-2018 Minimum Health Requirements

Student health records are reviewed annually to ensure they are current. Families must show proof of required physical exams and immunizations by no later than **October 15, 2017**, or they will face exclusion from school per the *Student Health Examinations, Immunizations, Dental Examinations and Eye Examinations Policy* (Board Report #: 08-0827-PO3, Section 704.1).

**Physical Examination** – Must be completed within one year prior to entry into Preschool, K, 6<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grades or upon first-time enrollment into CPS if entering the district from another state or country. Students moving to a CPS school from another school in Illinois, outside of CPS, must provide physical exam and immunization records to the school.

**Vision Examination** – Current eye examinations must be provided upon enrolling into CPS from out of state (at any grade level), and entering Kindergarten (and no later than October 15, 2017).

**Dental Examination** – Dental exam must be provided by students entering K, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade upon enrollment (and no later than May 15, 2018).

**Immunization Requirements** – Annually, a student's health record must show up-to-date immunizations for the following: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DTap/Tdap), Polio, (IPV) Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chicken Pox), and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine. Haemophilus Influenzae -Type B (HIB) and the Pneumococcal Disease (PCV) – are not required for children 5 and older.

Detailed health requirements and forms may be found at: <http://www.cps.edu/oshw/Pages/MinimumHealthRequirements.aspx> or call the Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services at (773) 553-1800.

## 2017 Summer Programs

For information regarding:

Summer programs and activities through the City of Chicago and the Mayor's Office, call 311.

Chicago Park District programs, call (312) 742-PLAY (7529) or [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

## 2017 Summer School Session

The five-week Summer Bridge Program for mandated grades 3, 6 and 8 begins Wednesday, July 5, 2017 and ends Friday, August 4, 2017, for five days per week. For questions regarding Summer Bridge for grades 3, 6 and 8, please contact the Department of Instructional Supports at (773) 553-4500. For other programs, contact your local school or Network Office.

## 2017 Summer Events in Chicago

Taste of Chicago Grant Park --- July 5 - July 9, 2017

2017 Neighborhood Festivals/Events --- Contact the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events at (312) 744-3315 for information.

## Key Dates for the 2017-2018 School Year

August 28, 2017 - School starts for teachers\*

September 5, 2017 - School starts for students

June 18, 2018 - School ends for students

June 20, 2018 - School ends for teachers\*

\*Depending on how schools choose to use their Professional Development flex days

## Parent-Teacher Conference Days and Report Card Distribution Days

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017, and Wednesday, April 18, 2018

High School Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pick-Up):  
Thursday, November 16, 2017, and Thursday, April 19, 2018

Report Card Distribution Days: Friday, February 9, 2018 and  
Monday, June 18, 2018

## Holidays/Vacations

September 4, 2017 (Labor Day)

October 9, 2017 (Columbus Day)

November 22, 23 & 24, 2017 (Thanksgiving Break)

December 25, 2017 - January 5, 2018 (Winter Vacation)

January 15, 2018 (M.L. King Day)

February 19, 2018 (President's Day)

March 26, 2018 - March 30, 2018 (Spring Vacation)

May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day)

## Summer Safety Tips

Parents should know where their children are at all times!

Children need to be reminded of "Stranger Danger." They should report to an adult all suspicious individuals in the neighborhood.

Do not swim in areas that do not have a lifeguard on duty.

Prolonged exposure to the sun can be harmful. Children should dress appropriately and not be exposed to the sun for long periods of time.

Please call the CPS violence prevention hotline, 1-888-881-0606,  
for assistance in preventing violence in your home, on your street, in your school and in your community.