



A Year of Family Engagement

Before School Starts

- ___ If your child is entering a new school, [register early](#) and take your child to visit the school.
- ___ Make sure [health records and immunizations](#) are current.
- ___ Encourage your child to complete summer reading.
- ___ Gather school supplies.
- ___ Attend any *Welcome Back* school functions.
- ___ Plan a homework area and time with your child.
- ___ Talk with your child about the importance of education and daily attendance.

Opening Week

- ___ Set the routines with a good night's sleep and a nutritious meal.
- ___ Discuss with your child transportation arrangements.
- ___ Fill out and return school forms; e.g., emergency cards, lunch applications, etc.
- ___ Discuss with your child and sign the [BCPS Student Handbook](#).
- ___ Encourage a positive attitude and help your child set learning goals.
- ___ Talk with your child about a balanced schedule including school, work, and other activities.

Early in the Year

- ___ Review Baltimore County Public School's information calendar.
- ___ Attend *Back-To-School Night*.
- ___ Join the PTA; mark meeting dates on your calendar.
- ___ Complete [volunteer training](#).
- ___ Sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- ___ Establish a routine of reviewing your child's homework and encouraging your child to commit to studying.
- ___ Review resources on the BCPS Parent University website.

American Education Week

- ___ Schedule time off from work to visit your child's school during AEW (typically in November).
- ___ Volunteer to help during American Education Week.
- ___ Participate in a school hosted activity.
- ___ Visit the classroom to observe what your child is learning.
- ___ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.

Report Cards (available in Focus)

- ___ Review the report card with your child.
- ___ Discuss learning goals, expectations, and procedures for completing schoolwork.
- ___ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.
- ___ Check to see if your child needs more school supplies (paper, pencils, etc.).

Access Your Schoology Account

- ___ View your child's assignments.
- ___ Monitor school and class announcements.
- ___ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.

Conferences

- ___ Schedule a conference.
- ___ Develop an action plan with the teacher and your child.
- ___ Discuss the action plan and goals with your child.
- ___ Continue to keep in touch with the teacher and review the action plan.
- ___ Monitor your child's progress.

End of the Year

- ___ Plan to attend end-of-year events.
- ___ Schedule an end-of-year conference, if necessary.
- ___ Send notes of appreciation to teacher(s) and staff (Teacher Appreciation Week is in early May).
- ___ Plan for summer reading.
- ___ Arrange for summer learning activities and, if necessary, tutoring and/or summer school. Review [National PTA parent's grade-specific guides](#).

Assessments/Tests

- ___ Be aware when tests and assessments are scheduled.
- ___ Assist your child in preparing for tests.
- ___ Encourage a good night's rest and breakfast.
- ___ Encourage your child to do his/her best.