

School reopening and operations

When will schools reopen?

- Online virtual learning for BCPS begins on Monday, March 30, 2020. Currently, physical distancing protocols will keep regular school buildings closed until at least April 15, 2020. It has not yet been decided when, or if, normal school operation will return this school year. The next update on school building operations will occur prior to April 15.

When will the school year end?

- At this time, the last day of school for students is scheduled to be Tuesday, June 2, 2020. If school is able to operate virtually beginning on March 30, 2020, until either a return to normal operations or until June 2, 2020, the school year will not need to be extended. The need to extend the school year may change as events unfold. School districts have been directed by the Florida Department of Education to develop contingency plans to operate schools through June 30, 2020, if necessary.

Can I contact my school?

- Yes, schools will be operating using a variety of technology-based supports. School phones and emails will be answered.

When is the conclusion of the third (3rd) quarter marking period?

- The last day for students to submit work for the 3rd quarter marking period will be Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

How will students be promoted to the next grade level?

- Promotion decisions to the next grade level will be based on teacher professional judgment, discussions with parents and principal recommendation under School Board Policy 6000.1. All state testing and concordance requirements have been waived. It is recommended that only students whose current level of performance indicates profound concerns for social or academic success in the next grade level be considered for retention.

What about promotion from 3rd grade to 4th grade and high-stakes state testing?

- The State has waived all testing requirements for this year. Parents of 3rd grade students will receive an indicator of readiness for independent reading aligned with the District's Good Cause promotion criteria to inform discussions on readiness for fourth grade. Promotion decisions to the next grade level will be based on teacher professional judgment, discussions with parents and principal recommendations under School Board Policy 6000.1.

What about Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) and End-of-Course (EOC) exams?

- All FSA and EOC exams for Spring 2020 have been canceled. Promotion and graduation decisions will be based solely on District criteria of total course credits, distribution of courses across academic disciplines and minimum GPA.

What if my student requires Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services?

- Students will be receiving ESE services, with modifications, during the period of virtual instruction.

What if my student requires Bilingual/ESOL services?

- Students will be receiving ESOL services, with modifications, during the period of virtual instruction.

Will food service be available to charter school students?

- Yes, breakfast and lunch will be available to charter school students and any present family member Monday, March 30, through Wednesday, April 15, during the designated times and school locations listed below:
 - • Times: • Breakfast – 8:00 am – 10:00 am
 - • Lunch – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - • Meals will be available at the following schools (see attached map):
 - o **Elementary Schools:** Mary M. Bethune, Challenger, Coconut Palm, Charles Drew, Flamingo, Stephen Foster, James Hunt, Lake Forest, Lloyd Estates, Thurgood Marshall, Meadowbrook, Norcrest, Oakridge, Orange Brook, Parkside, Annabel C. Perry PK-8, Pines Lakes, Pinewood, Quiet Waters, Royal Palm, Sawgrass, Village, Walker
 - o **Middle Schools:** Coral Springs, Driftwood, Glades, Lyons Creek, Rickards, Sawgrass Springs, Seminole, Sunrise, Westpine
 - o **High Schools:** Boyd Anderson, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Dillard, Blanche Ely, Charles W. Flanagan, Hallandale, McArthur, Miramar, Nova, Plantation, South Broward, Stranahan, J.P. Taravella
 - • Note: The charter school students must have their charter school id badges or their Broward County student identification numbers.