

## Family Back-to-School Planning Tool

When school starts there can be lots of changes for your family. This guide is a place to plan for the changes so the start of the school year will be a smooth one.

Things to Plan For	Our Family's Plan
<b>Registration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you need to enroll your child with the district or school? Is there a registration deadline?</li> <li>What forms and immunizations are required?</li> <li>Is there an orientation?</li> </ul>	
<b>Attendance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When is the first day of school?</li> <li>What time does the school day begin and end?</li> <li>What is the school's policy for attending school every day?</li> <li>How do families let the school know if their child needs to miss school time for sickness or other reasons?</li> </ul>	
<b>Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will your child get to and from school? Who will be available to ensure your child gets ready for school on time?</li> <li>If you have children in multiple schools, how will this look for your family?</li> </ul>	
<b>Meals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you plan to pack your child's lunch?</li> <li>Will you apply for free and reduced-price school meals?</li> <li>Do you and your child know how to pay for meals, whether buying at full cost or reduced cost?</li> </ul>	
<b>School Supplies, Technology, and Wi-Fi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What backpack and classroom supplies does your child need?</li> <li>Will your child need access to the internet outside of school?</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Supports for Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who will help your child with daily school-related needs at home (asking about schoolwork and teacher/peer relationships, organizing backpack materials)?</li> <li>• Does your child have a dedicated space at home to work on schoolwork?</li> <li>• Will you use a homework help center at your local library?</li> <li>• If your child is receiving Special Education supports at school, have you discussed/met with your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Child Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What options do you have for child care if there is a school closure?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Options for Parent Employment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does your employer have flexibility for shift changes if your family schedule requires a change?</li> <li>• Are you familiar with your employer's paid leave and/or sick leave policy?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Additional Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What other assistance do you need from the district/school?</li> <li>• Do you know who your child's teachers are? When will you meet them?</li> <li>• Who are other staff members (principal, counselor, afterschool teacher) your family might interact with? How can you meet them?</li> <li>• What resources are available for you and your child at the school or in your community?</li> <li>• What are some other ways you and your family can be part of the school community this year, and what do you need to do to make that happen (join a parent organization, attend school meetings/events, respond to communications/surveys sent by the school, discuss school-related things with other parents, or volunteer)?</li> </ul>	