

Mr. Levine's Message

Greetings Baker Bulldogs Families!

A reminder about required vaccinations.

The Annotated Code of Maryland (10.06.04.03) requires all Maryland students new to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and those entering Grade 7 and Grade 9 provide documentation of required, age-appropriate vaccinations or a medical or religious exemption (*see pages 12–16*). This documentation is required within 20 calendar days from their date of admission. Principals will receive a list of students who have not provided documentation by the deadline from School Health Services (SHS) staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions/concerns.

Outdoor Ed 2025–2026

Attention parents/guardians of any 6th grade student(s). Baker MS is scheduled to participate in Outdoor Ed at The Skycroft Center in Middletown, MD, during the week of October 27–31. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 4, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the BMS Media Center. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Mr. Haren at joseph_a_haren1@mcpsmd.org.

Family Life Meeting

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend the Family Life Meeting at Baker on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to preview materials that are used in the 7th and 8th grade family life units in health classes. An email was sent home through synergy to all families on August 26th with objectives and information about the meeting. If you did not receive this letter, please click on the following links:

[7th grade letter \(English & Spanish\)](#)

[8th grade letter \(English & Spanish\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mrs. Paredes at Patricia_T_Paredes@mcpsmd.org or

Ms. Chandler at Ashley_E_Chandler@mcpsmd.org.

Baker SGA

Are you interested in becoming a leader at your school? Do you want to build leadership skills, earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, and help lead exciting schoolwide service projects? If so, come to the Student Government Association (SGA) information meeting to learn how you can become a part of SGA. The meetings will be held in Room 208 on Thursday, September 11, from 3:00 to 4:25 p.m. and Thursday, September 18, from 3:00 to 4:25 p.m. You must attend one of these information meetings in order to become a part of SGA. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime to make a difference and have your voice heard at our school!

Email: angela_e_blankenship2@mcpsmd.org with any questions or concerns.

Middle School Fall Interscholastic Athletics

The middle school interscholastic athletics program is available for students in seventh and eighth grade only.

For detailed information go to the [Interscholastic Team Sports](#) page on the Baker website. It has detailed information, game schedules, and coaches information.



Looking Ahead

Monday, September 1

Holiday – schools and offices closed

Wednesday, September 3

PTA Chipotle Fundraiser (*see pages 7-8*)

Thursday, September 4

6th Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting
6:30–8:00 p.m., Media Center

September 8–12 — Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, September 9 — Activity Buses

Softball Tryouts, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair Evening Hours

5:00–7:00 p.m.

PTA Meetings (*see pages 5-6*)

Wed, September 10 — Activity Buses

NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 234

Softball Tryouts, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

Outdoor Ed Open House (*see pages 17-18*)

Thursday, September 11 — Activity Buses

Flag-Raising Ceremony

SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 208

Softball Tryouts, 3:15–4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 12

Back-to-School Mixer, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

September 15–October 15

Hispanic–Latino Heritage Month

Tuesday, September 16 — Activity Buses

eSports, Mr. Conner, Room 134

Wed, September 17 — Activity Buses

Family Life Night, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 18 — Activity Buses

SGA, Ms. Blankenship, Room 208

Friday, September 19

Marching Band Night at DHS Home Game
for 7th and 8th grade band students

Tuesday, September 23

No school for students and teachers

Wed, September 24 — Activity Buses

Cross Country vs. MLK, Home
Softball vs. MLK, Boys Away/Girls Home
Damascus ES Community Mtng, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 25 — Activity Buses

NJHS, Mr. Conner, Room 234

Friday, September 26

Early Release for Students,
Baker dismisses at 12:30 p.m.
7th Grade Team-Building Day

Food and Nutrition Services

Menus and Special Dietary Needs

Menus, including nutrition and allergen information, can be viewed on the [DFNS website](#) through [MealViewer](#). [MCPS Form 240-23, Special Dietary Needs Form](#), may be used to request meal accommodations for students eating in the cafeteria.

Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) for CEP Schools ([List of CEP Schools](#))

Montgomery County Public Schools will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch this year through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Please encourage students to join us for breakfast and lunch at school.

Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARMS) Applications for Non-CEP Schools



APPLY
HERE!

[Apply online](#) NOW so students receive free meals on the first day of school!

Households meeting federal income standards are eligible for free school meals, and students who qualify for reduced-price meals will continue to receive meals at no cost. To receive this benefit, a **new FARMS application must be completed every school year**. Please submit the online FARMS application through www.MySchoolApps.com. Only one application is needed for all students in a household.

Meal Prices, Payment Policy, and Procedures for Non-CEP Schools

There are **no changes** in meal prices this school year. Funds can be added to student meal accounts at no charge by bringing cash, check, or money order directly to school cafeteria managers. Payments to student meal accounts can be made through www.MySchoolBucks.com.

Breakfast: \$1.30 (All levels), **Lunch:** \$2.55 (Elementary), \$2.80 (Middle and High)

Parents/guardians are responsible for school cafeteria account balances incurred by their student(s), and MCPS must collect unpaid school cafeteria charges. The [Meal Payment Policy](#) details payment responsibilities.



For more FARMS information and How-To videos, visit the [Department of Food and Nutrition Services \(DFNS\) website](#)

Updated Personal Mobile Device Regulation

Less phone time means more learning time

ROCKVILLE, MD – May 9, 2025. MCPS has updated the guideline establishing clear procedures for the use of non-MCPS-issued personal mobile devices capable of sending or receiving data via voice, video, or text, including cell phones, tablets, laptops and smartwatches. The updated regulation applies to all students for the 2025-2026 school year.

The updated regulation aims to create a learning environment that balances the benefits of technology with the need to minimize distractions and promote focused learning and classroom engagement.

Key aspects of the revised guidelines include:

- **Before and After School:** Students in all grade levels may use their personal mobile devices before the school day begins and after it ends.
- **Elementary and Middle Schools:** During the school day—including class time, lunch and transitions between periods—students will need to keep their personal devices turned off and stored away.
- **High Schools:** High school students may use their personal devices during lunch and between classes, but not during instructional time.

- **On School Buses:** Students are permitted to use their devices while riding MCPS buses.
- **Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to manage their devices responsibly, making sure they are turned off and out of sight when use is not permitted.
- **Discipline and Expectations:** If a student misuses their device, consequences will follow a progressive approach outlined in the updated Student Code of Conduct, which will be released in the summer, and focuses on education and accountability. Updates to the MCPS Student Code of Conduct will clarify and re-establish expectations for student behavior. [Learn more](#). Principals have the authority to allow limited cell phone use during class time if the use supports instruction.
- **Medical and Learning Accommodations:** Students will continue to have access as documented in the 504 or Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that allows for personal mobile device use. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor with questions or for support.

This updated regulation underscores MCPS's commitment to fostering a focused and productive learning environment while acknowledging the role of technology.

Stay Connected

- **VISIT** the [MCPS homepage](#).
- **CALL** 240-740-3000. Staff take calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays – Fridays, in English and Spanish (240-740-2845).
- **READ** news and information sent via email and text message and on the [MCPS News](#) page.
- **FOLLOW** the MCPS social media pages: x.com/mcps / facebook.com/mcpsmd / instagram.com/mcps_md / facebook.com/mcpsespanol / x.com/MCPSEspanol / instagram.com/mcpsenespanol
- **SIGN UP** for [emails and text alerts](#) and make sure your [ParentVue](#) information is up to date.
- **WATCH** the MCPS cable channels Comcast 34 (1071 HD), Verizon 36 or RCN 89

More from MCPS

- [School calendar](#)
- [Parent resources](#)
- [News and Information page](#) / [Noticias en Español](#)
- [Latest photo galleries](#)
- [MCPS TV videos](#)
- [MCPS TV español](#)






43503 Baker Middle School - PE 2025-Summer#2

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://bakermiddle-25-2.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Sunday August 31st, 2025 (11:59pm EDT)

Gildan Adult Dryblend 50 Cotton/50 Poly T-Shirt Design # 10078  \$15.00	Gildan Dryblend® Youth T-Shirt Design # 10078  \$15.00	Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt Design # 10078  3 Colors \$28.00	Gildan Heavy Blend™ Youth Hooded Sweatshirt Design # 10078  3 Colors \$28.00	Gildan Heavy Blend Sweatpant Design # 10078  2 Colors \$25.00	Gildan Heavy Blend™ Youth Sweatpants Design # 10078  2 Colors \$25.00
Port & Company Youth Core Fleece Jogger Design # 10078  2 Colors \$25.00	Port & Company Core Fleece Jogger Design # 10078  2 Colors \$25.00	Badger B-Core Girls' Short Design # 10078  \$15.00	Badger B-Core Womens Short Design # 10078  \$15.00	Badger B-Core 7 Inch Short Design # 10078  \$15.00	Badger B-Core 6 Inch Youth Short Design # 10078  \$15.00
Gildan Adult Dryblend 50 Cotton/50 Poly T-Shirt Design # 10078  \$15.00	Gildan Dryblend® Youth T-Shirt Design # 10078  \$15.00	<p>Students may bring clothing from home instead of purchasing a Baker uniform. Students will wear a gray t-shirt and navy blue shorts for class each day. Sweatpants and sweatshirts (no zipper) can be any color. Student's names will be written on the shirts and shorts by Staff.</p> <p>Los estudiantes pueden traer ropa desde casa en lugar de comprar un uniforme Baker. Los estudiantes usarán una camiseta gris y pantalones cortos azul marino para clase todos los días. Los pantalones deportivos y las sudaderas (sin cremallera) pueden ser de cualquier color. El personal escribirá los nombres de los estudiantes en las camisetas y los pantalones cortos.</p>			

Questions?
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3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Sunday August 31st, 2025 (11:59pm EDT)

Gildan Gildan® Adult Heavy Blend™ Crew Neck Sweatshirt Design # 10062  3 Colors \$23.00	Holloway Short Sleeve Hoodie Powered By Coolcore® Design # 10062  3 Colors \$28.00	Badger Tri-Blend Surplice Hood Tee Design # 10062  5 Colors \$28.00	Badger Tri-Blend Surplice Womens Hood Tee Design # 10062  5 Colors \$28.00	Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt Design # 10062  7 Colors \$28.00	Gildan Heavy Blend Sweatpant Design # 10062  \$25.00
Lane Seven Fleece Jogger Design # 10062  \$25.00	Russell Athletic Dri Power® 50/50 Fleece Joggers Design # 10062  2 Colors \$30.00	Jerzees Nublend 1/4-Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt Design # 10081  4 Colors \$30.00	Russell Athletic Legend Polo Design # 10081  6 Colors \$39.00	Russell Athletic Ladies Legend Polo Design # 10081  6 Colors \$39.00	Holloway 1/4 Zip Pullover Powered By Coolcore® Design # 10081  6 Colors \$35.00
Holloway Ladies 1/4 Zip Pullover Powered By Coolcore® Design # 10081  6 Colors \$35.00	Comfort Colors Lightweight Crewneck Sweatshirt 1466  4 Colors \$34.00	Colorblast™ Heavyweight T-Shirt - 1745  5 Colors \$21.00	COMFORT COLORS Heavyweight Ring Spun Tee. 1717  6 Colors \$20.00	Garment-Dyed Lightweight Fleece Hooded Sweatshirt - 1467  3 Colors \$37.00	Hanes - EcoSmart 50/50 Cotton/Poly T-Shirt. 5170  3 Colors \$14.00

Port & Company Tie-Dye Long Sleeve Tee. PC147LS



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PTA Dates & Contacts

UPCOMING PTA MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, Sept. 9

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 10

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 11

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 9

6 pm – 8th Grade Committee

7 pm – PTA Meeting

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Amy Bartosch, President –

BakerPTA@yahoo.com

Shannon West, Treasurer –

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Stacy Smith, Secretary –

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Visit our webpage!



Visit our Facebook Page!



THE PTA NEEDS YOU!

The Baker MS PTA Board is delighted to greet all Bulldog families for the 2025-2026 school year! Our mission is to empower families, teachers, and the community to advocate for all children so they reach their full potential. The PTA supports our staff and students, through fundraisers, staff appreciation events, and student activities.

Our PTA needs more help! We have several vacant positions (Vice President, Fundraising Chair, Social Media Chair, & Member-at-Large) and our entire current Board will need to vacate their positions at the end of the current school year. This is a great opportunity to join so you can learn from this awesome group before they depart. Please email BakerPTA@yahoo.com if you are interested or have any questions!



Scan the QR code to link to our online membership form!

Chipotle Spirit Night to kick things off!!

- ❖ Wednesday, 9/3/2025
- ❖ 4 to 8 pm
- ❖ Online Order? Use code F3LYYRD
- ❖ Picking up? Show the flyer (see attached) or mention the fundraiser!

First PTA Meeting is Tuesday, 9/9!

- ❖ 8th Grade Committee meets at 6 pm
- ❖ General Meeting is at 7 pm
- ❖ In person in the Media Center
- ❖ Want to call in? [Zoom Call In Link](#)
- ❖ Meeting ID: 856 0156 9113
- ❖ Passcode: 908892

Fechas y Contactors de la PTA:

PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIONES DE LA PTA:

Martes 9 de septiembre
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 10 de octubre
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 11 de noviembre
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

Martes 11 de diciembre
6 pm – comité de octavo grado
7 pm – reunión de la PTA

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Jaime Kemp, comité de 8 grado
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Visit nuestra página de Facebook!



¡LA PTA TE NECESITA!

La Junta de la PTA de la Escuela Secundaria Baker se complace en dar la bienvenida a todas las familias Bulldog para el año escolar 2025-2026. Nuestra misión es empoderar a las familias, los maestros y la comunidad para que aboguen por todos los niños y alcancen su máximo potencial. La PTA apoya a nuestro personal y estudiantes mediante eventos de recaudación de fondos, eventos de reconocimiento al personal y actividades estudiantiles.

¡Nuestra PTA necesita más ayuda! Tenemos varios puestos vacantes (Vicepresidente, Presidente de Recaudación de Fondos, Presidente de Redes Sociales y Miembro General) y toda la Junta Directiva actual deberá dejar sus puestos al final del presente año escolar. Esta es una gran oportunidad para unirse y aprender de este maravilloso grupo antes de que se marchen. Si está interesado o tiene alguna pregunta, envíe un correo electrónico a BakerPTA@yahoo.com.



¿Quieres ser miembro?

¡Escanee el código QR para vincularlo a su formulario de membresía en línea!

¡Noche de espíritu Chipotle para comenzar!

- ❖ Miércoles 3 de septiembre
- ❖ de 4 a 8 pm
- ❖ ¿Comprar en línea? Usa el código F3LYYRD
- ❖ ¿Recoges? ¡Muestra el folleto (adjunto) o menciona la recaudación de fondos!

¡La primera reunión del PTA es el martes 9/9!

- ❖ El comité de octavo grado se reúne a las 6pm
- ❖ El comité general se reúne a las 7 pm
- ❖ En persona en el Centro de Medios
- ❖ ¿Quieres llamar? [Enlace de llamada de Zoom](#)
- ❖ ID de reunion: 856 0156 9113
- ❖ Código de acceso: 908892

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **F3LYYRD**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

HAZ EL BIEN CON CHIPOTLE



RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA **BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

25% DE LAS VENTAS DEL EVENTO SERÁN DONADAS A LA CAUSA

MIÉRCOLES, SEPTIEMBRE 3º | 4-8PM
9815 MAIN ST STE 104, DAMASCUS, MD, 20872

ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO **F3LYRD**
O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE





CHIPOTLE

Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de \$150 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier donación.

John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

Lets Celebrate our Middle School Graduates!

What does your donation cover?	Your donation covers a DHS Class of 2030 t-shirt for each student, the 8th grade dance that includes food and drinks , a DJ , and photo booth , as well as decorations for the promotion ceremony .
Contribution	We ask that families contribute \$35 or more for each child – see what it covers above!
Want to do more?	We would love if families consider signing up to help with the various events and activities for our 8 th graders. We appreciate both your financial contributions and your time and efforts to help create wonderful memories for our children. 8th Grade Committee meetings are from 6 -7 pm before PTA meetings.
To Do: 	Please complete the form below and return to Baker's main office along with your contribution. Checks should be made payable to "BAKER PTA" with a note in the memo AND on the envelope: "8 th Grade Promotion." Return to: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. You can also use this link to fill out the form online or use the QR code to the right.
Digital Payment Options	Digital payments may be made through PayPal using @BakerMSPTA or by scanning the following QR code: 

Stay connected so you know what the plan is and to see how you can help. Email questions to the 8th Grade PTA Committee at Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com . We greatly appreciate your support!

Your 8th Grader's full name: _____

Let us know how you can help! Circle one or more:

Dance/Celebration
T-Shirt Distribution

Promotion Ceremony
Fundraising

Class Gift

Name: _____



Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Enclose your \$35 check payable to Baker PTA, and mark in the memo "8th Grade Promotion"

John T Baker Middle School PTA

8th Grade Promotion and End of Year Activities

¡Celebremos a nuestros Graduados de Escuela Intermedia!

¿Qué cubre su donación?	Su donación cubre una camiseta de la Clase DHS de 2030 para cada estudiante, el baile de octavo grado que incluye comida, bebidas, un DJ y una cabina de fotos, así como decoraciones para la ceremonia de promoción.
Contribución	Pedimos que las familias contribuyan con \$35 o más por cada estudiante — ¡vea lo que cubre arriba!
¿Quiere hacer más?	Nos encantaría que las familias consideraran inscribirse para ayudar con los diversos eventos y actividades para nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado. Agradecemos tanto sus contribuciones financieras como su tiempo y esfuerzo para ayudar a crear recuerdos maravillosos para nuestros niños. Las reuniones del Comité de Octavo Grado son de 6 a 7 p.m. antes de las reuniones del PTA.
Pendiente: 	Por favor complete el formulario a continuación y devuélvalo a la oficina principal de Baker junto con su contribución. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de "BAKER PTA" con una nota en el memo Y en el sobre: "8th Grade Promotion" (Promoción de Octavo Grado). Envíelo a: Baker Middle School PTA, 25400 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. También puede usar este enlace para completar el formulario en línea o escanear el código QR a la derecha.
Opciones de Pago Digital	Los pagos digitales pueden hacerse a través de PayPal usando @BakerMSPTA o escaneando el siguiente Código QR: 

Así sabrá cuál es el plan y cómo puede ayudar. Envíe sus preguntas por correo electrónico al Comité de Octavo Grado del PTA a: Baker8thGrade@yahoo.com. ¡Agradecemos mucho su apoyo!

Nombre completo de su estudiante: _____

¡Háganos saber cómo puede ayudar! Marque una o más opciones

Baile/Celebración

Ceremonia de Promoción

Regalo de Clase

Distribución de Camisetas

Recaudación de Fondos

Nombre: _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Teléfono: _____

Adjunte su cheque de \$35 a nombre de Baker PTA y anote en el memo "8th Grade Promotion."



Regulation IKA-RA, Grading and Reporting Revisions 2025-2026 School Year

Why

Increase rigor and accountability for students	Decrease variance across different schools	Clarify expectations
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What has changed?

- **Grade Calculations for Secondary Courses:** A new final grade calculation will be implemented for all students in grades 6-12. Beginning school year 2025-2026, the final course grade is determined by calculating the average of the numeric grades from each marking period. Teachers will no longer use grade calculation charts to determine the final letter grade.
 - For semester-long courses: the final grade is the average of the two marking period grades, calculated by adding the numeric grades from both marking periods and dividing the sum by two.
 - For full-year courses: the final grade is the average of all four numeric grades, calculated by adding the grades and dividing the total by four.
 - End-Of-Course (EOC) exam courses: the grade weight of an Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) end-of-course assessment in Biology and NSL Gov't is 20% of the semester B grade.
- **Marking Periods (MP) 2 & 4 Summative Assessments:** Districtwide summative assessments will be implemented for specific subjects. Assessments will count for 10% of the MP 2 and MP 4 grade. A list of identified courses is forthcoming.
- **Report Cards:** The MCPS secondary report card will be updated to reflect the new approach to reporting student performance.
- **Reassessment:** In all secondary courses, teachers will provide students with at least two reassessment opportunities in the All Tasks category per marking period. The following assessments may not be reassessed: end-of-course assessments, marking period assessments, required district assessments, end of semester summative assessments; final research papers, projects or essays; and culminating projects or performances.
- **Due dates and deadlines:**
 - No deadline may be longer than 10 school days after the original due date.
 - To ensure timely grade reporting, late work will not be accepted during the final 5 school days leading up to the end of each marking period.
- **Assigning a 50%:** Teachers shall not assign lower than 50% if the student's work shows evidence of making progress on the relevant standards that are being assessed regardless of product or accuracy. Teachers shall continue to offer support and intervention.
- **Returning Student Work:** Graded work will be returned to the student within 10 school days.

Last Updated: 06/11/2025



Montgomery County Offers Free ‘Back-to-School’ Vaccinations for School-Aged Children at Multiple Locations

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) offers free back-to-school vaccinations for school-aged children from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade at several locations across the County from now through the end of September.

These vaccinations are available at no cost to children who live in Montgomery County and are missing any required immunizations to attend school.

“Making sure kids are up to date on their vaccines is one of the simplest ways we can keep them healthy and ready to learn,” said Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich. “I’m glad our Health and Human Services team is making it easier for families by offering free back-to-school shots at convenient locations across the County. No family should have to worry about cost when it comes to protecting their children from preventable diseases. If your child is missing any vaccines, I encourage you to make an appointment now so they can start the school year on track.”

The “back-to-school” vaccine offerings include:

- Tdap
- Meningococcal (MCV4)
- Meningococcal B
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Varicella (chickenpox)

To schedule an appointment, parents or guardians must call one of the DHHS County clinics:

Dennis Avenue Health Center

2000 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring
240-777-1050

Germantown Health Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown
240-777-3380

Silver Spring Health Center

8630 Fenton St., 10th floor, Silver Spring
240-777-3160

School Health Services Immunization Center

4910 Macon Road, Rockville
240-740-4430

A parent or guardian must be present and bring an ID and immunization record if available.

Call one of the DHHS County clinics to speak with a staff member if a child needs vaccines other than those currently offered.

Visit the Immunization Program [website](#) for more information.

Maryland law requires students to be vaccinated against a variety of diseases. Visit the Maryland Department of Health’s [website](#) to learn more about the 2025-2026 school year vaccination requirements.



Vaccine Requirements for Children
Enrolled in Preschool Programs and in Schools — Per COMAR 10.06.04.03
Maryland School Year 2025 - 2026
 (Valid for the 2025-2026 academic and summer school year.) rev 2/18/2025

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs							
Child's Current Age	DTaP/DTP/DT ^{1,6}	Polio ²	Hib ³	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	PCV ³ (Pneum TM)
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12 th grade							
Grade Level (Ungraded)	DTaP/DTP/DT ^{1,6}	Polio ²	Tdap ₆	Measles, ^{2,4} Mumps, Rubella	Varicella ^{2,4,5} (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B ²	Meningococcal (MCV4)
Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 5, & 6 (5 - 11 yrs.)	3 or 4	3	0	2	2	3	0
Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 (11 - 13 yrs.)	3 or 4	3	1	2	2	3	1
Grade 12 (13 - 18yrs.)	3 or 4	3	1	2	1 or 2	3	1

* See footnotes on back for 2025-2026 school immunization requirements.

**Vaccine Requirements for Children
Enrolled in Preschool Programs and in Schools
Maryland School Year 2025 – 2026**
(Valid for the 2025-2026 academic and summer school year.) rev 2/18/2025

FOOTNOTES

Requirements for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades.

Instructions: On the chart locate the student's age or grade and read from left to right on the chart to determine the **NUMBER** of required vaccinations by age or grade. MMR and Varicella vaccination dates should be evaluated (See footnote #4).

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication to the pertussis-component is required.
2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio, and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**
3. Hib and PCV (Prevnar™) are not required for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.
4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon record review for students in preschool through 12th grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.
5. Two doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is a documented history of disease provided by a health care provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following — Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 years of age and older.
7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older to enroll or attend school.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE



STUDENT/SELF NAME: _____
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STUDENT/SELF ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

SEX: MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ OTHER ☐ BIRTH DATE: ____/____/____

COUNTY: _____ SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

FOR MINORS UNDER 18:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

#	DTP-OTaP-DT Mo/Day/Yr	Polio Mo/Day/Yr	Hb Mo/Day/Yr	Hep B Mo/Day/Yr	PCV Mo/Day/Yr	Rotavirus Mo/Day/Yr	MCV Mo/Day/Yr	HPV Mo/Day/Yr	Hep A Mo/Day/Yr	MMR Mo/Day/Yr	Varicella Mo/Day/Yr	Varicella Disease Mo / Yr	COVID-19 Mo/Day/Yr	
1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1		DOSE #1	DOSE #6
2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2		DOSE #2	DOSE #7
3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3		DOSE #3	DOSE #8
4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4								DOSE #4	DOSE #9
5	DOSE #5			DOSE #5									DOSE #5	DOSE #10

To the best of my knowledge, the vaccines listed above were administered as indicated.

- Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____
 (Medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider only)
- Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____
- Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Clinic / Office Name
 Office Address/ Phone Number

Lines 2 and 3 are for certification of vaccines given after the initial signature.

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM VACCINATION ON MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. ANY VACCINATION(S) THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SHOULD BE ENTERED ABOVE.

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION:

Please check the appropriate box to describe the medical contraindication.

This is a: ☐ Permanent condition OR ☐ Temporary condition until ____/____/____
 Date

The above child has a valid medical contraindication to being vaccinated at this time. Please indicate which vaccine(s) and the reason for the contraindication, _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Medical Provider / LHD Official

RELIGIOUS OBJECTION:

I am the parent/guardian of the child identified above. Because of my bona fide religious beliefs and practices, I object to any vaccine(s) being given to my child. This exemption does not apply during an emergency or epidemic of disease.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

How To Use This Form



The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates (using month/day/year) directly on this form (check marks are not acceptable) and certify them by signing the signature section. Combination vaccines should be listed individually, by each component of the vaccine. A different medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any other record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or child care service.

Only a medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may sign 'Record of Immunization' section of this form. This form may not be altered, changed, or modified in any way.

Notes:

1. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for all vaccines except **varicella, measles, mumps, or rubella**.
2. Reconstructed dates for all vaccines must be reviewed and approved by a medical provider or local health department no later than 20 calendar days following the date the student was temporarily admitted or retained.
3. Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of immunity against diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis (DTP/DTaP/Tdap/DT/Td).
4. Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella vaccination dates, but **revaccination may be more expedient**.
5. History of disease is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except varicella.

Immunization Requirements

The following excerpt from the MDH Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.03 applies to schools:

"A preschool or school principal or other person in charge of a preschool or school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to or retain a student in a:

- (1) Preschool program unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against Haemophilus influenzae, type b, and pneumococcal disease;
- (2) Preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against pertussis; and
- (3) Preschool program or kindergarten through the 12th grade unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against: (a) Tetanus; (b) Diphtheria; (c) Poliomyelitis; (d) Measles (rubeola); (e) Mumps; (f) Rubella; (g) Hepatitis B; (h) Varicella; (i) Meningitis; and (j) Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis acquired through a Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine."

Please refer to the "**Minimum Vaccine Requirements for Children Enrolled in Pre-school Programs and in Schools**" to determine age-appropriate immunity for preschool through grade 12 enrollees. The minimum vaccine requirements and MDH COMAR 10.06.04.03 are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

Age-appropriate immunization requirements for licensed childcare centers and family day care homes are based on the Department of Human Resources COMAR 13A.15.03.02 and COMAR 13A.16.03.04 G & H and the "**Age-Appropriate Immunizations Requirements for Children Enrolled in Child Care Programs**" guideline chart are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

MCPS OUTDOOR EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

WHERE?

LATHROP E. SMITH ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION CENTER,
5110 MEADOWSIDE LANE
ROCKVILLE, MD 20855

WHEN?

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
VISIT ANYTIME BETWEEN
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM



WHAT WILL WE DO?

- TAKE A TOUR OF THE MCPS SMITH CENTER.
- SEE WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL EAT, SLEEP AND LEARN DURING OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- TALK TO OTHER PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TO OUTDOOR ED

FIND OUT THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

WHAT WILL MY CHILD EAT? HOW WILL THE TEACHERS KEEP MY CHILD SAFE? WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING? HOW IS THIS CONNECTED TO THE 6TH GRADE CURRICULUM? HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?



[PLEASE RSVP](#)

PIZZA AND INTERPRETERS
WILL BE AVAILABLE



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ROCKVILLE, MD 20855**

¿CUANDO?

**10 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2025
VISITENOS ENTRE
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**



¿QUÉ HAREMOS?

- **UN RECORRIDO EN EL SMITH CENTER DE MCPS EN DONDE USTED PODRÁ,**
- **VER DÓNDE COMEN, DUERMEN Y APRENDEN LOS ESTUDIANTES DURANTE LA EDUCACION AL AIRE LIBRE Y**
- **HABLAR CON OTROS PADRES CUYOS HIJOS PARTICIPARON EN LA EDUCACIÓN AL AIRE LIBRE.**

ENCUENTRE RESPUESTAS A SUS PREGUNTAS:

- ¿QUÉ COMERÁ MI ESTUDIANTE?
- ¿CÓMO MANTENDRÁN LOS MAESTROS A LOS ESTUDIANTES SEGUROS?
- ¿QUÉ DEBEN TRAER LOS ESTUDIANTES?
- ¿QUE RELACION TIENE LA EDUCACION AL AIRE LIBRE CON SEXTO GRADO?
- ¿CÓMO PUEDO PARTICIPAR?



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