

BPS health and safety information

Learn more about the programs in place to support the health and wellbeing of students.

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Eating Healthy with Chartwells

Healthy eating is an important part of the academic equation. Chartwells School Dining Services is the food service company that provides meals for all our students. All schools offer school lunch.

You may view and make deposits to your student’s account. Go to [the Send Money to School website](#) for details. Another option is to call 248.203.3966 and find out how to set up and deposit to an account. Checks may be payable to: BPS Lunch Program. Funds remain in student account rolling over from one year to the next. All fund balances remain with the student’s account.

To enroll your student in the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program, complete the Free and Reduced Lunch form. You may also visit [the LunchApp website](#) for information. For more information, contact Food Services at 248.203.3966.

Immunizations

The parent/guardian of a child enrolling in a school for the first time must submit either a certificate showing required immunizations have been given; or a physician-signed waiver that the required immunizations could not be given because of medical contraindications. For anything other than a medical reason, a waiver must be obtained through Oakland County.

In addition, preteens and adolescents may need boosters and vaccines to further protect them from illnesses. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends children ages 11-12 (entering seventh grade) receive boosters for Diptheria-Tetanus-Pertussis. The CDC has also begun recommending a Meningococcal vaccine be administered to entering seventh graders and to older students who have not

yet been vaccinated. For additional information about CDC recommended vaccines, visit [the CDC website](#)

Hearing and vision

Hearing and vision problems can seriously impact a child's academic progress. To enter kindergarten, all children are required to have a vision screening. Parents/guardians must show that their child has had a vision screening or submit a waiver deferring the screening because of religious or other reasons.

In addition, the district offers hearing and vision screening for third graders and sixth graders in an attempt to catch problems that may develop as a student grows. Parents/guardians are notified when screenings will be held, and if a problem is noted during testing, parents/guardians are notified so that they can follow up with their pediatrician or eye doctor.

Concussion awareness

In compliance with the Michigan Sports Concussion Law, BPS coaches, employees, volunteers and other adults involved in a youth athletic activity, including physical education, must complete a concussion awareness on-line training. All parents/guardians of students in pre-K through eighth grade must review the "Understanding Concussion" material and return the acknowledgement form to the student's school. The form is available at each school building.

Code of Conduct

The District recognizes:

- A. The primary intent of society in establishing a system of public schools is to provide an opportunity for learning;
- B. An environment that fosters learning places paramount importance on the achievement of educational objectives; and
- C. Educational objectives include both the mastery of academic disciplines and the responsible exercise of civic rights and responsibilities.

This Student Code of Conduct is concerned with individual rights in the context of the school community. To create and maintain an appropriate school environment, respect for the rights of others, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall be expected of all members of the school community. Students are expected to show respect for real and personal property, pride in their work, attain high achievement within the range of their ability, and demonstrate exemplary personal standards of courtesy, decency and honesty.

Read the full [BPS Code of Conduct](#).

Allergies and care plans

School administrators rely on parents to alert them to any allergies or other health concerns their child may have that could require special medication and/or emergency treatment during the school day. If your child has asthma, bee sting or food allergies, seizures, diabetes or any other health concern that would put them in jeopardy, notify the school office before the start of the school year.

Together, district staff and parents/guardians will develop a Care Plan tailored to your child's specific needs. The Care Plan must be completed by a parent/guardian in conjunction with your physician and returned to the school the first week of the new school year. If medication must be administered during the school day, a Permission to Administer Medication Form (available in your school office) should also be turned in to the school the first week students return to the classroom.

Accident insurance (optional)

All members of our staff do everything possible to keep our students safe during the school day and at extracurricular activities. However, injuries do sometimes occur. While the district does not provide insurance for student injuries, we encourage you to make sure you have adequate accident coverage for your child.

As a public service, the Board of Education has arranged to make Student Accident Insurance coverage available to parents/guardians to purchase. The benefit options have been designed to fit a variety of family insurance needs. This coverage can help decrease the burden of unexpected medical expenses, including deductibles and co-payments.

If you have questions about Student Accident Insurance, please contact David Turley, agent for First Agency at 269.381.6630.

Personal property

It is often necessary for students to bring personal belongings, such as cars, bicycles, band instruments, calculators, etc. to school. Regretfully, the district does not provide insurance for damage or loss to personal property, however your homeowners' policy may cover property that is damaged or lost while on school premises. The district encourages you to make sure you have adequate personal property insurance to cover loss or damage to items your child may bring to school.

Pesticides as a last resort

Our district has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program that is a result of our efforts to minimize pesticide use on school grounds. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. Instead, we use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means and exclusion to prevent pests from becoming a problem. While occasionally it may be necessary to apply a pesticide, it will only be used as a last resort.

It is our policy to notify parents in advance, usually 48 hours before application, when a pesticide other than bait or gel will be applied at your child's school. We post notices at the entrances to the school and in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents/guardians are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class mail, postmarked at least three days prior to the application. If you

would like to be notified by mail, contact us in writing at: Facility Operations Department, 2305 Cole Street, Birmingham, MI 48009. Please supply us with the following information: Your name and phone number, your home address, your child's name and school. If you have more than one student, please send in a separate sheet for each one.

In an emergency, it may be necessary to use pesticides without prior notice, but you will be given notice following. To review our Integrated Pest Management Program or view pesticide records for your school, contact the Manager of Operations at 248.203.3977 or [email Steve King](#).

Technology responsibility

Our technology tools and access to online resources offer a world of educational opportunities for students and staff. We believe our schools provide some of the most innovative technology opportunities available, but with that knowledge, comes personal responsibility. We require both students and staff to sign and abide by the Board of Education's Technology Acceptable Use Policies. The policies explain our Technology Code of Ethics and Rules for Technology Use and delineate proper use of technology and the internet. It also lists consequences students and staff may incur if the policy is violated.

The student Technology Acceptable Use Policy is available on [the BPS Neola website](#) and is posted in every computer lab. If you have questions about this policy, please contact the [Information & Technology department](#) at 248.203.4601.