

News Release: Summer in PGCPs: What You Need to Know

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – While schools are closed for the summer, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) continues its work by providing programs for students, preparing for the new school year, and helping families register new students.

Here is a list of important information families should know about summer programs and school system activities:

Credit Recovery Programs

PGCPS offers credit recovery programs for middle and high school students. Programs are offered at several sites, and options for high school credit recovery include evening and online classes. ***Middle School Credit Recovery registration is on June 24, June 25, and July 1; high school registration is on June 29, June 30, and July 1.*** For a complete listing of program sites and application deadlines, click [here](http://www1.pgcps.org/summerschool/) (<http://www1.pgcps.org/summerschool/>) to view the 2015 Summer Program guide.

MORE INFO: Visit www1.pgcps.org/summerschool/ (<http://www1.pgcps.org/summerschool/>) or call 301-808-1124.

Summer Meals for Children

To help children receive the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow over the summer, PGCPS provides meals for children ages 18 and under through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Food Service Program. Five school sites will serve a free, nutritious lunch for children Monday through Thursday. Staff will serve breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. There are no income requirements or registration required. The Summer Food Service Program will run from July 6 through August 5 at the following sites: Gladys Noon Spellman, Judge Sylvania Woods, Cooper Lane, Ridgecrest and Rogers Heights Elementary Schools.

MORE INFO: Visit www1.pgcps.org/foodandnutrition/ (<http://www1.pgcps.org/foodandnutrition/>) or call 301-952-6580.

Summer Office Hours

PGCPS is operating on a four-day workweek schedule from Monday, June 22, through Friday, August 7. Schools and offices will be open Monday through Thursday with extended hours to provide students, parents, and employees more flexibility during the summer months. Core business hours are from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The week of June 29 – July 3 is a three-day workweek based on the observance of the July 4 holiday on Thursday.

MORE INFO: Contact the school or office before visiting to verify hours.

Registering for School

Parents and guardians are encouraged to register their child early at their boundary school to avoid extended wait times near the start of the school year. Bring proof of residency and your child's birth certification (for students entering prekindergarten or kindergarten), a signed immunization form from your child's doctor, and a copy of the transcript if your child is transferring from another school district.

MORE INFO: Visit www1.pgcps.org/backtoschool/ (<http://www1.pgcps.org/backtoschool/>) or call your neighborhood school.

Registering for School – International Students

The PGCPs International Student Counseling Office (ISCO) provides assistance for families registering their child for school in the United States for the first time. ISCO staff will make sure you have all the documents you need before you register at your neighborhood school.

MORE INFO: Visit www.pgcps.org/internationalschoolcounseling/ ([/internationalschoolcounseling/](http://www.pgcps.org/internationalschoolcounseling/)) or call 301-445-8460.

New Immunization Requirements

New state immunization requirements mandate that all students entering kindergarten and Grade 1 must have two doses of varicella (chickenpox vaccine), and students entering Grades 7 and 8 must have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine) and one dose of meningococcal vaccine. A free immunization clinic will be offered at the Back-to-School Fair (see below).

MORE INFO: Parents of students with health insurance should contact their primary care provider; parents of students without insurance should contact the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3000.

2015 Back-to-School Fair

PGCPs will host its annual Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 8, at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about all the academic programs and services available in PGCPs, visit vendors, and sign up for free- and reduced-price school meals. Children who attend the fair will receive a free backpack stuffed with school supplies. For children who need required immunizations, health professionals will be on hand to provide them free of charge.

MORE INFO: Visit www1.pgcps.org/btsfair/ (<http://www1.pgcps.org/btsfair/>) or call 301-952-6001.

First Day of School and School Calendar Update

On Monday, August 24, there will be a systemic orientation day for students who are entering middle school (sixth- or seventh-graders) or high school (ninth-graders) **for the first time**. For all other students, the first day of school will be Tuesday, August 25. To help families plan for the school year, the **2015-2016 School Calendar**

(<http://www1.pgcps.org/communications/index.aspx?id=202153>) is available online, which was recently updated to reflect the date change of the primary election day to April 26. There is also a tentative calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

MORE INFO: Visit www1.pgcps.org/calendar/ (<http://www1.pgcps.org/calendar/>) or call 301-952-6001.

For **highlights** of the 2014-2015 school year, click **here** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EQNy1u33yk).