

Skinner West

2016-2017 Kindergarten/New Parent Checklist

SCHOOL POLICIES

Read the school handbook and policy: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/handbook.html>

SCHOOL CALENDARS

The 2016-2017 CPS calendar is here: http://cps.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/2016-2017_CPS_CalendarElementaryandHighSchools_English_12.09.15.pdf

A Skinner West Calendar is available on the school's homepage as well <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/>. Check this calendar and website often as it is updated on a daily basis.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

If you did not submit the physical, vision, and dental examination forms during registration, please turn them into the school office as soon as possible; all forms are due no later than **10/15/2016**.

More information on minimum health requirements, medical compliance, and extra forms can be found here: <http://www.cps.edu/oshw/Pages/MinimumHealthRequirements.aspx>

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Sign up for the school eNewsletter to receive weekly announcements and updates: <https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001qie9IeSPzo6MKF00PeF3NcUmsWq1v7eC>

Furthermore, please follow and like Skinner West on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Skinner-West-Classical-Fine-Arts-and-Technology-School-159576090804029/>) and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4122505/profile>) for additional updates.

CLASSROOM AND ANCILLARY SUPPLIES

Do not forget to purchase supplies from your child's supply list for his/her grade as well as from the ancillary supply list. All classroom lists, ancillary supply lists, and school fees by grade are available on the school web site: http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/fees_supplies.html

On the first day of school, have your child bring the school supplies and school fees to their classroom teacher. Ancillary supplies should be dropped off at the school library.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

The school cafeteria provides **free hot breakfast and lunch** to all kids in the main building and little branch. Your child may also bring their lunch to school from home. Lunches are not stored in a refrigerated area; please pack the food in a way to keep it at an appropriate temperature. In addition, please label your child's lunch bag with their name and classroom number. Daily breakfast and lunch menus are available here: http://cps.edu/About_CPS/Departments/Pages/MealMenu.aspx

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Skinner West has a fee based program called the STAR Program which provides afterschool care at the school for your child from 3:45 until 6:30 p.m. each school day. The program is run and staffed by Skinner teachers/staff and the program dates match the school calendar. Students in the program work on their homework; receive tutoring assistance; and participate in physical activities, computer lab, music, games, art activities, and more! If you are interested in having your child participate in the program, sign up early as space is usually limited.

Additional programs, including Music House, Mad Science, and Chess Scholars will be offered for an additional fee to the providers. Star program students are also able to enroll in CPS sports programs at no charge throughout the school year. If your child stays after school, please consider sending them to school with an afternoon snack to help keep energy up and fight hunger until dinnertime. The school does **not** provide after-school snacks.

Information about the Star Program and other after-school program options can be found here: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/afterschool.html>.

GYM UNIFORMS

Appropriate clothes and shoes are required for physical education (PE) classes. For PE classes during the 2016-2017 school year, please make sure your Superstar is dressed in lightweight, easy-to-move-in clothes (t-shirt, sweatshirt, shorts, sweatpants, etc.) with appropriate footwear. Please avoid any open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, crocs, dress shoes, flats, or any shoes with a heel. Additional information will be sent home with your Superstar at the start of the school year.

BUS SERVICE

If you live within the boundaries and plan to use the school bus service, please fill out the transportation form as soon as possible:

http://cps.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/Transportation_SY2016-17_ApplicationForSchoolBusService.pdf.

Currently, transportation is provided to students who reside more than 1.5 miles from school and who live between the following boundaries: Fullerton Avenue (2400 North) to Pershing Road (3900 South). For others who live outside of these boundaries, please ask the front office for private bus company information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All parents are encouraged to volunteer at the school. Check out all of the school-wide volunteer opportunities here: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/volunteer.html>

- **Committees:** In addition, all parents are welcome to participate on school committees. Information about the school committees for parents are on the website:
 - Communications: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/lsc-cc.html>
 - Local School Council: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/lsc.html>
 - PTO: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/pto-fr.html>
 - Friends of Skinner West: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/friends.html>
 - Gallery 111: <http://www.skinnerwest.cps.edu/gallery111.html>
- **Morning Drop Off:** We are looking for enough parent volunteers on a daily basis between 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. so that the Monroe Street entrance can be open for easy and safe student access into the building. If you are available to assist with morning drop off, please email your name, student's name, teacher, grade, and phone number to skinnerwest@gmail.com.
- **Lunchroom & Recess:** Volunteers are also needed for lunchroom and recess duties from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. If interested, provide your name, phone, and time/day availability to skinnerwest@gmail.com.