

SCHOOL STARTS **AUGUST 5, 2015**. ARE YOU READY?



10 THINGS

YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

THE METRO SCHOOLS
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER
IS OPEN TO ANSWER
YOUR QUESTIONS.

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1 The first day of school is Wednesday, August 5. It is a half-day. There is no school on August 6, which is Election Day.

2 You might need to formally enroll in school. Do it now to avoid the rush.

Our 12 Enrollment Centers are open to all families. Locations and hours are available on MNPS.org or by calling the Customer Service Center at (615) 259-INFO (4636).

Here is who needs to enroll:

- Students coming to Metro Schools for the first time
- Students entering Metro pre-K or kindergarten for the first time
- Students who have moved to a different school zone

Families who speak a language other than English at home must register at our English Learners Office.

Call (615) 259-8608 to make an appointment.

3 You can find your zoned school and bus stop online.

To find your zoned school, use the School Zone Finder on MNPS.org or call the Customer Service Center at (615) 259-INFO (4636). Bus

Stop information will available beginning July 25 through the “Find Your Bus Stop” tool on the website or by calling the Customer Service Center. Bus stop assignment letters will also be mailed to students who are eligible to ride.

4 Your child might need new immunizations before coming to school.

Students who fit into one or more of these categories need updated Tennessee Immunization Certificates:

- New to Metro Schools
- Entering pre-school, prekindergarten or kindergarten for the first time
- Entering seventh grade

You can get immunizations and a Certificate from the Metro Health Department or your family physician. Without proof of updated immunizations or a certified exemption form, your child will not be allowed to attend school. It's a state law. Call (615) 259-INFO (4636) for details.

5 Your child must be five years old by August 15 to attend kindergarten.

A child entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before August 15. Kindergarten is mandatory for all students prior to enrolling in first grade. Make sure your kindergartener knows his or

her name and address, what to do at the end of the day (for example, attend aftercare or ride the bus) and put your student's name on her or his backpack and lunch box.

6 We need your up to date contact information. It's really, really, really important.

If you have moved in the last year, please call your school, call the Customer Service Center at (615) 259-INFO (4636) or visit an Enrollment Center to ensure they have your updated contact information. They may ask for proof of residency. It is very important that your school knows how to get in touch with you. If you have moved to a new school zone, you will need to enroll at one of our 12 Enrollment Centers.

7 School supply lists, dress codes and open houses/orientation are all school-based decisions, and your school's main office is open to answer questions about them.

Each school and its teachers determine the specific supplies needed each year. They will give you a supply list soon. That may be on the first day of school or it may be posted to the website before then. The dress code works the same way. Your school's main office is open throughout the summer, so if you have a school specific question about something like supply lists or dress codes, give them a call.

8 The Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday is August 7-9.

The Sales Tax Holiday is August 7-9, 2015. During this period, sales tax in Tennessee will be waived for school supplies and clothes under \$100. Learn more on the Tennessee state website.

9 My child is on an optional school wait list. How can I find his or her status on the list?

You can call the Customer Service Center at (615) 259-INFO (4636) or visit the School Options page on MNPS.org to check wait list status. If vacancies open up in the first five days of school, the Student Assignment Office will call you to offer you a spot. You will have 24 hours to decide to accept the placement. Please ensure we have your current phone number and address on file so we can contact you.

10 If your child needs to take medication during the school day or has health issues, you will need to fill out a few forms.

Forms are available online, at school and in the Customer Service Center in multiple languages. Take the completed forms and medication to your school's main office for processing. Medications must be in the original container.

