

# Back to school Checklist

- ☐ Reference our **2025-2026 Parent-Student Handbook Calendar** for full calendar details and important inclement weather information.
- ☐ Complete **all required forms/documents** for ALL students.
- ☐ Check our **School/Bus Locator** to determine your child's bus number and bus stop.
- ★ ☐ **HCPS Payment Options.**
- ☐ Complete a **Free and Reduced-priced Meals application** to qualify for free and reduced meal costs and free student device protection.
- ☐ Locate your schools **cafeteria menu online**, review meal and a la carte choices including allergen, nutrition, and ingredient information for most items.
- ☐ Bookmark **www.hcps.org** for news, events, and important announcements. Find us on Facebook (@HCPSSchools and @HCPSParentAcademy), Instagram (@HCPS\_schools), X and YouTube (@HCPSSchools). Visit the **Parent Academy webpage** to register for parenting workshops and find links to Real Talk videos.
- ☐ Download the **NEW HCPS mobile app (delete the old one!)** The app is designed to give you a customizable, easy to navigate resource to get important HCPS information.
- ☐ Make sure your contact information is up-to-date at your students school.
- ☐ Watch for information from your school regarding Open House events.
- ☐ Review the **Portable Communication Device, Dress Code**, and **Bag policies** for important guidelines.
- ☐ Create a **Canvas Parent account** to be an observer of your students' learning. Observers can view courses, pages, assignments, course calendars, and more!
- ☐ Visit and bookmark your **school's NEW website** for school specific information and updates.
- ☐ Bookmark your school's **Home Access Center** (HAC).
- ☐ Sign up for your school's PTA/PTSA.
- ☐ Explore **Care Solace**, a free mental health care coordination service for HCPS students, staff, and their families.
- ☐ Fill out the **HCPS Trusted Path document** to ensure your student has a safe, trusted place to go if you're unavailable. Keep a copy of this document in your students backpack.

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