



Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers!)

Below are some questions and answers that are typically asked as we start a school year. Please feel free to reach out to one of the CHS staff members (via phone, email, or Schoology message) if you have a question that is not answered below.

What's my bus stop and pickup time?

You can check your bus schedule online at this link: [Bus Stop Information](#). Don't forget to also check for delays by visiting [Bus Status Information](#).

How can I find my bus at dismissal?

Catoctin High School has two afternoon bus line ups. You can find out if you're a first run or second run bus and where your bus will be parked by looking at signs posted near the front office. If you need help, ask a teacher or visit the front office.

What time does school start and end at CHS?

School starts at 7:30 am. Make sure you arrive in time to get to your classroom by the time the 7:30 am bell rings. Doors open at 7:00 am and students may walk to classrooms at 7:15 am. View the full [Catoctin High Bell Schedule](#) for information on 2-hour early dismissal or late arrival days. School dismisses at 2:20 pm.

When is my lunch?

We have three lunch shifts at CHS. Lunch is held during block 3 and your whole class will go at the same time. Ask your block 3 teacher for your lunch shift or look at the signs posted around the building.

Can I buy breakfast or lunch?

This year, breakfast is \$1.85 and lunch is \$2.90. Pay for your meals ahead of time at: [MySchoolBucks](#). All FCPS students can apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits by online at: [Meal Benefits](#). Paper copies in English and Spanish are available in the front office. You must reapply every year for benefits.

When will I get my chromebook?

If you didn't get a chromebook at Back to School night, you will have a chance to get one on the first day of school. Pickup times are scheduled by last name and your first block teacher will share the schedule with you. Teachers will dismiss throughout the day for you to pick up your chromebook in the Media Center. You're also welcome to use your own device or if you prefer.

Need School Supplies?

If you need help affording school supplies, please contact Kelly Gruber, kelly.gruber@fcps.org, for assistance.

Can I drive my own car to school?

Students who have a driver's license are permitted to drive to school and park on campus. You must apply for a [2022-23 Parking Permit](#) in order to park on school property. Please note that parking on campus is a privilege - any unsafe driving will result in the removal of your parking permit. Vehicles parked on campus without a parking permit may be subject to fines and towing. Please fill out the [Parking Permit Application](#), read all of the rules, and then stop in to see Mrs. May in the front office who will get you a permit! Bring your driver's license and \$10 in order to purchase a permit. You may park without a permit for the first 2 weeks of school.

What do I do if I start to feel sick during the school day (or have a bloody nose or some other concern requiring attention)?

The Health Room is located on the first floor (just around the corner from the auditorium and just down the hall from the cafeteria). If you have a need to visit the health room, please tell your teacher and they will call the health room (you will not be permitted to go to the health room without a pass).

What happens if I can't find my class?

There will be staff members in the hallways between classes throughout the first several days of school - don't hesitate to ask if you are unsure where you are going. The office has maps of the school to help you navigate your way.

Can I carry my backpack?

You are welcome to carry a backpack with you throughout the school day.

How do I get a locker?

Not all students utilize a locker, however we have plenty for anyone who wants one. If you would like to be assigned a locker, please stop in the front office (either before or after school or at lunch time).

What do I do if I leave something important at home?

If you have a phone, you may text someone in your family to see if they are able to drop it off at the school (in which case you would come pick it up in the office). We do have a phone in the office that is available for students to use for urgent situations.

What are the rules on cell phones, headphones/airpods/etc.?

When you are here at school, your attention should be on your learning. To that end, any electronic devices should be silenced and away during instructional time. You are permitted to use your devices between classes and during lunch, but need to ensure that you can hear any directions that may be given during those times.

Have more questions?

Check out these informative Back to School videos:

- [Back to School 2022-23!](#)
- [New Student/9th Grader Information](#)