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Back to School Preparedness

As we trade in pool bags for backpacks, it may feel like the to-do list never ends. It's easy to feel overwhelmed or that something important will be forgotten. We want your back to school experience to be compliant, safe, and as stress-free as possible. Whether it's getting students adjusted to new routines, required tasks around the district, or the various ways to keep your students safe and parents informed, we can help. Click here to learn more about our Back to School Checklists for a safe and healthy school year.

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Transition Tips Can Lead to Classroom Triumphs

By: Dr. Allison Blackburn (she /her/ hers, Licensed Psychologist and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Cincinnati Children's)

Whether you feel ready or not, the long days of summer are quickly dwindling. Just around the corner is the back-to-school frenzy; a period of time that is dreaded by some and celebrated by others (primarily parents). The transition from sleeping in, staying up late, and having few demands to a school routine, can be a challenge for any student – and even staff. As you head into the new school year, you may consider leveraging these behavioral strategies to ease the transition to set your students up for success.

Establish consistent routines

The beginning of the year is a fresh start and a great opportunity to establish consistent routines for your students. Whether this means using a picture or written schedule to alert them to the days' events, or being clear about the expected behaviors in the classroom, providing predictability is a great way to ease the minds of your anxious students. For some, knowing in advance the schedule or routine can provide a smoother transition between activities. A student may despise math, but knowing that recess is right after those dreaded math problems, can motivate them to push through and stay on track. Continue reading here...



FOUNDER'S FACTS

It's my favorite time of year! I hope you all have a safe, productive, and fun start to your school year. Below are 3 facts about Back to School. -Steve Temming, President

- In 2020, there were 49.9 million public school students
- In 2021, 90% of districts provided a device for every middle and high school student
- Sports and activities can improve a student's overall outlook about their educational experience

Sports Safety

Heat, Hazing, and Concussions

With the fall athletic season just around the corner and preseason practices underway, back to school means back to sports for many students. While athletics are a great way for kids to remain active, boost self-esteem, learn teamwork, leadership skills, and build on social relationships, what's most important is ensuring they can thrive in a safe environment. When it comes to back to school sports, think safety first.

Coaches shoulder the weight of many responsibilities working with children, but ensuring their safety is a top priority. Students may not always recognize the signs of a concussion, heat-related illness, or even hazing, so having coaches fully trained and equipped to respond in these instances is crucial for their well-being. To help prepare your coaches for their important role in the lives of student athletes, we have developed several training courses that the district can utilize, such as: Heat-Illness Prevention for Student Activities, Concussion in Youth Sports – Heads Up, First Aid – Fundamentals, Hazing Awareness and Prevention, and more.

Coaching can be a rewarding, yet challenging experience. How coaches resolve the issues they face has a direct impact on the kids they coach, for better or worse. We can help ensure coaches are prepared to provide a safe environment where young athletes can excel.

StudentWatch

Stay Safe. Speak Up!

With 1 out of every 5 students reporting being bullied, having an easy, effective way to report any concern anonymously is crucial to help manage the overall health and safety of your students. Stay Safe. Speak Up! Student Safety Reporting System is a program within our award-winning StudentWatch suite that allows individuals to immediately make reports concerning student safety 24/7/365. Appropriate staff are notified instantly through email and if the report is deemed urgent, PublicSchoolWORKS will contact school officials.



If you currently utilize this program, please remember to remind staff and students about this powerful tool during staff meetings, student assemblies and update your contacts in the hotline call tree. If you need posters or stickers or have questions, please reach out to Shawn Toadvine, Manager of Student Programs. If you are not currently using StudentWatch but would like to learn how you can give students a voice, increase school safety and make data driven decisions, please [click here](#).

Parent InfoCenter

Key Information for Parents and School Community

It's back to school which means it's back to finding ways to keep parents and other key stakeholders of your district informed and engaged with important information. Our Parent InfoCenter allows you to stay proactive by providing information that benefits the health and safety of students and demonstrates your district's commitment to the well-being of all faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

You can link the Parent InfoCenter to your district's website so those in your school community have a central location to access training materials, including the required Title IX Training, information regarding Stay Safe. Speak Up! (if purchased) as well as specific documents pertinent to your district. Contact your Safety Advisor to learn more about this provided service available to you.



WORKS Announcements

New Customers Joining The Organization

- Ball-Chatham CUSD 5 (IL)
- Frisco ISD (TX)
- Greenwich Stow Creek Partnership Schools (NJ)
- Northern Lights Public Schools (AB)
- Blue Valley USD 229 (KS)
- Parkway Local School District (OH)
- Tatonka Education Services (CO)
- Wharton ISD (TX)
- Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School (MA)
- Diocese of Cleveland (OH)
- Edison Local SD Erie County (OH)
- Rockton School District 140 (IL)
- Academy with Community Partners (AZ)
- Salem County Special Services (NJ)
- Salem County Vocational Technical Schools (NJ)
- Ridgedale Local School District (OH)
- Virtual Preparatory Academy of West Virginia (WV)
- Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy (WV)
- Konawa Public Schools (OK)
- Kinsely-Offerle USD 347 (KS)