

Skinner West Kindergarten/New Parent Checklist



School Policies

Read the school handbook and policy: <http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/handbook.html>

School Calendars

The CPS 2015-2016 calendar is here -

http://cps.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/SY14_15Calendar.pdf

A Skinner West Calendar is available on the school's homepage as well -

<http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/index.html>. Check this calendar and web site often since it is updated on a daily basis.

Health Requirements

If you haven't turned in the following records during registration, please have your child turn them into the school office. The deadline to have the records on file is **October 15th**.

- Immunization Record
- Vision Exam record
- Dental exam record

Additional information and copies of the forms are available on the Skinner West web site at <http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/forms.html>.

School Communications

Sign up for the school eNewsletter to receive weekly school activity/announcement updates:

http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001qie9leSPzo6MKF00PeF3NZ63vZOLi kwibcu6F8nohVGxX4-dtn3zRODxB1RIYP2FI2UJohSe2iC4Y2yG5Fe_EJ_alhcas75yIR7FMLciXf4%3D

Please follow and like Skinnerwest on Facebook and Linked in for additional updates -

<http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/sn.html>

Classroom & Ancillary Supplies

Please remember to get supplies from your child's supply list for his grade AND the ancillary supply list AND the art supply list. The Kindergarten school supply list, ancillary supply list,

supply list and school fee by grade are available on the school web site, here - http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/fees_supplies.html.

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

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch menus are available here - http://cps.edu/About_CPS/Departments/Pages/MealMenu.aspx

The school cafeteria provides **free breakfast** and **free lunch** to all kids

Your child can 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

After-School Programs

Skinner West has a program called the "Star After-School Program" which can provide after-school care at the school for your child from 3:45 until 6:30 each school day. The program is run and staffed by Skinner teachers and staff. The program dates match the school calendar dates. Students in the program work on their homework and receive tutoring assistance, participate in physical activities, computer lab, music, games, art activities and more!

Additional programs such as ARCC Ballet, Music House, Mad Science and IMSA will be offered for an additional fee to the service providers. Star program students are also able to enroll in CPS sports programs at no charge throughout the school year.

Additional information about the Star Program and other after school program options is available on the Skinner West web site at: <http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/afterschool.html> If you are interested in having your child participate in the program, sign up early!!! Space is usually limited.

If your child stays after school for one of the after school programs or activities, please consider sending them to school with an afternoon snack and something to drink. It will help keep their energy up and fight hunger until dinnertime. The school does not provide after-school snacks.

Gym Uniforms

Appropriate clothes and shoes are required for physical education (PE) classes. For PE classes in the 2015-2016 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 shoe or sandal, flip-flops, crocs, dress shoes, flats, or any shoe with a heel. Additional information will be sent home with your Superstar at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Bus Service

If you live within the boundary and plan to use the school bus service, please fill out the transportation form when you register at Skinner West. For others that live outside of the boundary, please ask the school front office for private bus company information.

Volunteer Opportunities

All parents are encouraged to volunteer at the school. Check out the school-wide volunteer opportunities here - <http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/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:
 - Local School Council - <http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/lsc.html>
 - PTO - <http://skinnerwest.cps.k12.il.us/pto-fr.html>
- **Morning Drop Off:** We are looking for enough parent volunteers on a daily basis between 8:00 – 9:00 AM, so that the Monroe Street entrance can be opened for easy and safe student access into the building. If you are available to assist with morning pick up please email your name, student's name, teacher, grade, phone number and email address to skinnerwest@gmail.com.
- **Lunchroom & Recess:** Volunteers are also needed for lunchroom and recess duties from 11 am to 1:15 pm. Provide your name, email, phone and available time/ day to skinnerwest@gmail.com if you can volunteer.