

ATTENDANCE: Frequently Asked Questions, Post-Hurricane Irma STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT HELP STARTS HERE!

September 16, 2017

When will the schools re-open after Hurricane Irma?

Monday, September 18, 2017. Stay up-to-date with announcements at the BCPS District website <u>browardschools.com</u>, the official Twitter account @<u>browardschools</u>, and @BCPS_180. BECON TV will also have updates.

How will the hurricane days be recorded for attendance?

The days schools were closed will not be recorded for attendance. A typical school year has 180 days. This school year will only include days that the schools were in session.

Schools were closed in preparation for Hurricane Irma on Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8, 2017. Schools remained closed after the hurricane until Monday, September 18, 2017.

What if my child is unable to attend because our family evacuated from Broward County?

- **<u>PARENTS</u>**: Please contact your school's attendance line listed on the school's website.
- <u>SCHOOL STAFF</u>: Students that cannot attend because the family evacuated from the area and have not been able to return should notify the school and attendance is marked *Excused, Special Event* "AE06".

Will I be required to provide written documentation that our family is not able to transport our child to school?

No. Written documentation will not be required for excused absences related to Hurricane Irma.

According to School Board Policy 5.5: Attendance, parents must report their child's absence.

Who should I contact with questions regarding attendance?

Contact your school's attendance manager for questions related to your child's attendance record.

For specific questions regarding Policy 5.5: Attendance, contact:

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