

**ATTENDANCE: Frequently Asked Questions, Post-Hurricane Irma**  
**STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
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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 [browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com), the official Twitter account [@browardschools](https://twitter.com/browardschools), and [@BCPS\\_180](https://twitter.com/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?**

- **PARENTS:** Please contact your school's attendance line listed on the school's website.
- **SCHOOL STAFF:** 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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