

Important Opening of School Details and Dates Academic Year 2019-2020

August 26-28 Mon., 8:30-10:00 a.m.	BUA Transitions <i>(required for 9th grade students)</i> New Parent Orientation
August 27 7:30 p.m.	Transportation/Commuting Webinar BUAPN-hosted info session for parents/guardians (https://bostonu.zoom.us/my/buapn)
September 3 8:00 a.m.	Opening Day & First Day of Classes <i>(required for all students)</i> Student Arrival and All-School Welcome Meeting
September 6 3:00 p.m.	New Student Outing <i>(for 9th grade students and peer advisors only)</i> Students will walk together to Jillian's (145 Ipswich Street, Boston)
September 12 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Night <i>(required for all parents/guardians and 12th grade students)</i> Student Activities Fair during All-School Meeting Mingling and refreshments Community Welcome, Classroom Visits, Senior Kickoff
September 18 7:30 p.m.	Camp Burgess Webinar BUAPN-hosted info session for 9 th and 10 th grade families (https://bostonu.zoom.us/my/buapn)
October 2 8:00 a.m.	BUA Parents Network Coffee Informal gathering for parents/guardians timed to coordinate with Camp Burgess drop-off
October 2-4	Camp Burgess <i>(overnight retreat for all 9th and 10th grade students)</i>
October 30 8:00 a.m.	Parents Day <i>(full-day event for all parents/guardians)</i> Accompany your child to classes and meet with his/her advisor

Whom should I contact if I need more information?

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Frequently Asked Back-to-School Questions

Q. How do I access BUA's online student and parent portals?

A. The family portals are accessible by clicking on the Parents and Students links in the top right corner of the BUA website. Instructions for accessing the system will be sent to families before the start of the school year.

Q. When will student schedules be made available?

A. Schedules will be available through the family portals during the week of August 26. A hard copy will be in each student's mailbox on the first day of school.

Q. When will the MBTA passes be available for pick up?

A. Passes ordered by August 15 will be ready for pick up on August 31. Families will be notified if the passes are available earlier. Orders submitted after August 15 may not be available until after the first day of school.

Q. I would like to arrange a carpool with families who live near my family. Can BUA help?

A. Families interested in connecting with others in the BUA community should search the Student/Parent Directory in the online portal or solicit interest via the BUA Families Google Group or the BUAPN Facebook Group. The BUA Parents Network will also host a transportation webinar at 7:30 p.m. on August 27 for families to discuss commuting logistics.

Q. What does my child need to bring for the first day of school?

A. Students should be prepared with class schedules, notebooks, writing implements, and the summer reading books for the first day of classes. BUA does not provide a school supply list for students to follow.

Q. What time does the school day begin and end?

A. The school day for ninth and tenth graders begins at 8:00 a.m. daily and ends by 3:15 p.m. every day but Wednesday, when students have PE until 3:30 p.m. Eleventh and twelfth graders are enrolled in classes at BU and BUA, which means students' schedules vary and may end later than the stated BUA school day. Building hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Q. What is the parking policy for parents?

A. BUA parents are allowed to park for free in the lot adjacent to the Academy building for up to two hours if they are visiting campus for school-related business. Drivers should notify the parking attendant that they are a BUA parent upon arrival. Please be aware that overflow parking will be in the Essex Street Garage & Lot and the Agganis Arena Lot/Garage.

Q. How do I notify BUA if my child will be absent from or tardy to school?

A. A parent or guardian, not the student, should call the front desk at 617-353-9000 before 8:00 a.m. Planned absences should be submitted to academy@bu.edu for pre-approval.

Q. How does my child obtain a new/replacement Terrier Card?

A. New students will be issued their Terrier Cards during BUA Transitions or on the first day of school. Returning students should notify the front desk if they need a replacement Terrier Card. The replacement fee is \$40. Terrier Cards are used to access the BUA building, therefore students should report a lost or misplaced card to the front desk immediately in addition to reporting it lost through the Terrier Card Center via Student Link (www.bu.edu/studentlink).

Q. How can I add Convenience Points to my child's Terrier Card?

A. Families can purchase Convenience Points through their Smart Tuition account by clicking on 'Purchase Optional Items' from the main navigation menu. Please allow 2-3 business days for the funds to be transferred to the student's Terrier Card and available for use. Convenience Points balances are visible through the Terrier Card Center via Student Link; a BU Kerberos account is needed to access the site.