

Back-to-School Details and Dates Academic Year 2021-2022

August 22 7:00 p.m.	New Parent/Guardian Orientation (Virtual) Optional: Commuting Webinar @ 6:30 p.m.		
August 23-27 9:00 a.m2:30 p.m.	Orientation (required for all 9 th graders) Pickup at noon on Friday 8/27		
August 23 5:00-7:00 p.m.	9th-Grade Family Picnic Warren Alpert Mall, 735 Commonwealth Ave.; Rain date: Tuesday, August 24		
August 30 5:00-7:00 p.m.	10 th /11 th -Grade Family Picnic BU Beach, 270 Bay State Road; Rain date: Tuesday, August 31		
September 2	First Day of Classes (required for all students) Student Arrival and All-School Welcome Meeting		
September 6	Labor Day No BUA or BU Classes		
September 8 7:00 p.m.			
September 9 5:00 p.m.	Senior Family Picnic Fox Fountain & Patio (Bay State Road, behind GSU)		

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 the week of August 23.

Q. When will student schedules be made available?

A. Schedules will be available through the family portals during the week of August 23. 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 16 will be ready for pick up the week of August 23 or as soon as possible. Families will be notified if the passes are available earlier. Orders submitted after August 16 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 can utilize the online directory in the secure family portal to coordinate carpools with other families in their area. New families will receive their log-in credentials to access the secure family portal the week of August 23. Families may also solicit interest via the BUA Families Google Group or the BUAPN Facebook Group.

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. In the 2021-2022 academic year, classes will meet in person five days per week, implementing the new <u>BUA Master Schedule</u>. The school day for ninth and tenth graders is 8:55 a.m.-3:35 p.m. Mondays and Fridays; 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. on Wednesdays. 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. Monday-Friday; the Sargent Gym/BUA Annex hours are 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Q. What is the parking policy for parents?

A. Active pick-up and drop-off areas are in the Upper and Lower Bridge Lots (accessed from University Road by Storrow Drive), Law School North Entrance (accessed from Bay State Road), Essex Street Garage & Lot (entrance at 148 Essex Street in Brookline). Families should be aware that both the Upper Bridge and Essex Street lots are unattended gated lots. Parents/guardians will need to use the QR code on their individually assigned BUA parking placard in order to open the gate.

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. Parents/guardians should notify the school (617-353-9000 or academy@bu.edu) immediately if the student is asked to stay home due to completing the symptom attestation. 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.