

Parent Procedures for Return to School



Fall
21-22



WALDORF SCHOOL
ORANGE COUNTY



Welcome Back

It is with joyful anticipation that we welcome our new and returning students to the 2021/22 school year. We are eager to see our students return to campus on September 7.

To support a smooth start to the school year, please review the important information included in this document regarding our sick policy, drop-off and pick-up procedures, and COVID-19 reminders, some of which are changed from last year.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year full of achievements and challenges and surprises, and we are so glad that you and your family are part of our cherished community.

Health & Safety

With the delta variant resulting in a recent surge of new COVID-19 cases, our Health and Safety Plan for the new school year is guided by recent recommendations of the CDC and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). This Plan is a working document and will be updated throughout the school year as shifting circumstances dictate.

Key points of the Plan include:

- WSOC's multi-layered 2021-22 plan includes: masks, cleaning and ventilation, promoting hand-hygiene, self-monitoring symptoms, managing visitor and family activities, recommendations for staying home when sick and for testing, Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) reporting and quarantining.
- Masks are **optional outdoors** for all students and adults. Masks are **required indoors** for all K-12 students (unless exempted). Masks are required for adults when sharing indoor spaces with students and are encouraged for adults when in close proximity to other adults and not in the presence of students.
- Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (such as masking) are implemented.
- Drop off and pick up procedures no longer require completion of the daily Health Screening Questionnaire, although parent and caregivers must assess their children daily before sending them to school.

For full details, please refer to the school's **COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022**. We are grateful for the support of our community in ensuring a healthy environment for our school community.

Pre-Kindergarten Drop Off & Pick Up

Pre-Kindergarten drop off & pick up will take place in the south end of the Main School parking lot as you enter at the Early Childhood gate.

Please pull into the lot where the gate to the EC breezeway will open - the Pre-Kindergarten teachers or assistants will be there ready to help your child from the car and into the classroom.

In order to stagger arrival and departure times and avoid congestion in our parking areas **the arrival time for Pre-Kindergarten is 8:40 - 8:50 am**, until further notice.

At pick up, the Pre-Kindergarten teachers will walk the children out to the designated Early Childhood gate and will wait for you to pull up and collect your child.

Kindergarten Drop Off & Pick Up

Kindergarten drop off & pick up will take place in the High School parking lot. Please pull into the lot at the southern end of our property, where the large gates to the yard will open. Either the kindergarten teachers or the assistants will be there, ready to help your child from the car and into the classroom.

In order to stagger arrival and departure times and avoid congestion in our parking areas **the arrival time for Kindergarten is 8:30 - 8:40 am**, until further notice.

At pick up, the Kindergarten teachers will walk the children out to the designated High School gate and will wait for you to pull up and collect your child.

Grades 1-8 Drop Off

Parents will drop-off children in front of the school office as directed by school staff. There will be two entrances to campus -

Grades 1-3 will enter through the gate closest to the Main Office.

Grades 4-8 will enter through the gate closest to Company of Angels.

Children should be ready to exit their car on arrival in order to expedite the drop off.

Children will be directed by staff members to their designated cohort meeting spot on the blacktop for supervised play until the morning bell dismisses them to their classes.

Pick Up

Grades families will pick up in the Main Parking Lot by last name:

A - L: 2:50 PM - 3:00 PM

M - Z: 3:00 PM - 3:10 PM

While in the Main lot, please follow staff directions and **do not get out of your car.**

To provide more efficiency and respect for all, we are revising our pick up in the following way:

All grades 1 - 8 will be dismissed from designated areas:

- 1 - 3 on front office lawn
- 4 - 5 on Eurythmy Hall lawn
- 6 - 8 inside the campus adjacent to the goat pen

Students will be seated and prepared for pick up. Cars will pull up to the sidewalk at the flagpole to receive children. Walk up parents will meet WSOC personnel at the flagpole to receive children. Grades 6-8 students will be permitted to visit the Company of Angels at dismissal. All other students must have a parent chaperone who has parked to escort them into the store.

Grades 1 and 2 with Early Release Days may be picked up at **1:10 PM** if your child is not staying for Aftercare.

Grades 7 and 8 will be released at **3:15 PM** on Tuesdays and Thursdays after Music Classes.

High School Drop Off & Pick up

High School students should arrive to school by 8AM. Classes begin promptly at 8:15.

There will be no cohorts this year - all high school students will arrive and depart at the same time.

Due to the drop off procedures for the lower grades, parking will be available for high school students in the main lot of the school.

As is true for all students, high schoolers are expected to self-screen for illness at home before arriving to school.

If a high school student does stay home from school due to ill health, we ask that student not to return until they have 24 hours of no fever without use of fever reducing medication, improvement of symptoms, and at least 10 days since symptoms appeared.

If your child is tested for COVID-19 after developing symptoms and tests negative, they may return to school 3 days after their symptoms resolve.

Please let the High School office know if your student will not be attending school due to illness. #(949) 574-7754

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