

This page contains general “must know” information as we begin the new school year. Please be sure to review the details enclosed in this section with your student. If you have any questions or you need some additional information, you may contact us by phone or email. The first day of school will be here before you know it, and we want it to be great for everyone!

Essential Supplies

Students are not asked to bring school supplies for the 2019-20 school year, instead each student will be charged \$20 and this money will be used for classroom supplies. This fee can be paid online.

Lockers

Lockers will be assigned to students by 2nd period classrooms, however, this may take up to two weeks to have all students assigned. Until then, students should carry needed items with them.

Communication

Mr. Dahl sends out a weekly email to all families starting the first week of school. This email will provide an essential link to academics and activities. Please make sure your correct email address is in the system so that you can receive these important weekly updates. (You will also need that email address to access student grades online). If you do not receive the weekly email after the first week of school, please contact the main office and we will get you set up! If you received this letter in an email, then you are already on the distribution list.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are used in classrooms at the discretion of each teacher, the policy for phones outside the classroom (passing times and lunches) is currently under review for 2019-20, however it is important to know that all personal items, including cell phones, are brought to school at the student and families own risk. Lost, stolen, or damaged personal items will not be investigated.

Grades

Teachers will keep their grades in a web-based grade book. To access your student's grades, you will need to be signed up for Parent Access if you haven't done so already. Information about signing up will be available on our website as well as the Lake Washington School District website under [Parent Access](#). If you have a returning student, your parent access is the same and no further

action is required. If you have trouble accessing student grades or EMS information, please contact us.

Student ASB Cards/Insurance/Fees

All students are encouraged to become a member of the Associated Student Body (ASB). Note: All students who participate in student activities (music, clubs, etc.) or athletics are required to purchase an ASB card and they must possess their ASB card prior to their first practice or meeting. An ASB card admits students to EMS events at a discounted rate as well as giving students reduced fees for high school sporting events. Our yearbook price will be \$35 for the 2019-2020 school year. Pre-ordering a yearbook is always a good idea as we are unable to get extras once our order is submitted in the early spring. Finally, school insurance is available for purchase through Meyers-Stevens & Toohey and Co., Inc.

Absence from School

If it is necessary for a student to be absent, a parent should call the school by 8:30 am. The attendance message line phone number is 425-936-2321. This number can be used at all times to inform the school of student absences. You must contact the school with a reason for the absence so that your student will not have an unexcused absence on their record. At school we work very hard to ensure that all students are meeting standard in all academic areas. If your student will be absent from school for an extended period of time for the purpose of a family trip/vacation, this may prove detrimental to his/her academic success. Teachers are not expected to provide assignments in advance. Missed school assignments may be provided following the absence for completion. I strongly encourage you to schedule all family trips during our regularly planned school breaks.

Transportation

Bus transportation is provided for students living more than two miles from school. Questions regarding transportation may be directed to the transportation department by calling 425-936-1120.

School Pictures

Picture day is on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Physical Education (PE) Uniforms

EMS PE t-shirts are required. They are \$5.00 each and will be on sale in the Main Office once school begins. A towel and locker will be provided for each student who wishes to shower and/or lock their belongings. Students may want to also have a sweatshirt available for outdoor activities.

Lunch

Students will have a 30-minute lunch period each school day. The regular lunch price for this year is \$3.50. Free and reduced lunch price applications are in the packet coming home with your student on the first day of school and available upon request in the office. This form should be completed and returned promptly. Students have a variety of lunch options available including an A La Carte line that serves a variety of snacks. A list of A La Carte items and their prices will be posted on our website by the second week of school. Breakfast is also available for purchase each morning for \$2.00, beginning the first day of school. Please see the following link for school lunch information, including how to add money to your student's account: <http://www.lwsd.org/students-families/breakfast-and-lunch-menus>

Emergency Contact Information

All students are required to have emergency contacts on file so that we have the necessary information available to us should we have an emergency involving your student. We use an online updating system for emergency contact information. If any of your personal information has changed such as address, phone number, cell phone number or email address, please go to Skyward Family Access to make the necessary changes **by September 17th**. After this date, please notify us of any changes in the emergency card information by calling our Counseling Office.

Early Dismissal Wednesdays

There is an early dismissal every Wednesday at 1:00 pm except for September 4, 2019. Our first early dismissal Wednesday is on September 11, 2019. This extra time is utilized by our teaching staff for learning enhancement and academic planning (LEAP time).