

## Frequently Asked Question about OMS

### **What time does school start? How early can I drop off my child?**

The school day officially begins at 8:12, but students should be in the building by 8:05. Students are permitted to enter the building at 7:45.

### **How do I find my child's bus stop information?**

Go to <https://www.fcps.org/transportation/bus-stop-information-online> after August 8th to see the most up to date information. You will need your child's student ID number. If you have any questions or issues - please contact OMS Registrar, Colleen McKenna - [colleenr.mckenna@fcps.org](mailto:colleenr.mckenna@fcps.org)

### **Who do I notify if my child will be absent, needs an early dismissal, or we go on vacation?**

If you know in advance that your child will need to leave school early, please send a note with your child in the morning. There is an adult sitting by the cafeteria doors each morning to collect these notes. The attendance secretary needs to know by 8:45am on the day of the early dismissal. If your child misses a day of school, please send in a note from a parent stating the date and reason for the absence or send in a note from the doctor. **\*\*Doctor's notes always trump a parent note. \*\*** See regulation below. If you have a vacation planned and your child will be missing school, please send a note in advance. If you prefer to e-mail the school about an absence or early dismissal, the e-mail address is [OMS.Attendance@fcps.org](mailto:OMS.Attendance@fcps.org)

***\*\*FCPS allows a total of 10 days of absence with parent notes, no limit with doctor notes, and 5 days for vacation (Regulation 500-25).***

### **How much do lunches cost this year?**

Breakfast is \$1.85, Lunch is \$2.90  
Please add money onto your child's cafeteria account at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)

### **How/where do I pay for school fees?**

Go to <https://frederickcounty.schoolcashonline.com/> and login or sign up to access all fees associated with your student.



### **Where Can I find the School Supply list?**

The school supply list can be found on the Oakdale Middle School website under the tab: Parent & Students: <https://edu.fcps.org/oms/>

### **What is the dismissal process?**

Student dismissal will be staggered, with some bus riders and walkers dismissed first. After that, there is another bus dismissal. Car riders will be dismissed once all buses have exited the parking lot.

### **My child usually rides the bus, but today he will be a car rider. Where do I drop off/pick up? Do I need to send in a note?**

Student drop-off and pick up are at the side parking lot. You do not need to send a note if you and your child are aware of the change. Your child will then follow the procedures for car rider dismissal.

**May my child ride another bus?**

Students are not allowed to ride another school bus. If there is an emergency situation you will need to contact the principal and the student will have to receive a special bus pass to turn into the bus driver.

**How can my child and I keep in touch with grades?**

You can access your child's grades by logging into Schoology using your parent access code. You can access the schoology website by going to the OMS or FCPS website :<https://app.schoology.com/login>

**Will students use lockers this year?**

Students will be allowed to carry their Chromebook and a bookbag with them throughout the day. Lockers are optional. Students will not be assigned a locker, but teachers will ask students if they would like to use (be assigned) a locker. Students who use lockers MUST bring a lock to use.

**What is the Cell Phone Policy?**

Use of cell phones is not permitted in the building. (Off, away and out of sight!)

If a student is caught using their cell phone they will receive one warning. The second time a child is caught using their phone they will have to take it to the office where it will be kept for the day. The third time a child is caught using their phone the parent will have to come pick it up from school.

**What kind of earbuds are needed?**

Students are permitted to use wired earbuds **ONLY**. Wireless earbuds/headsets are NOT permitted.

**Will students be allowed to wear hats or hoods?**

Students are not permitted to wear hats or hoods. Exceptions can be approved for religious or health reasons.

**Will students have to change clothes for PE?**

Students are encouraged to change for PE so they can safely participate in the daily lessons and activities. Each student will be given a PE locker and lock to store their personal belongings in. At a minimum, students are required to wear socks and sneakers for PE class. Information about ordering Oakdale attire will be sent home the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school. Purchasing the Oakdale attire is optional.

**Can my child bring a perfume or a cologne for after PE?**

No. Classmates may have allergies so students are not permitted to use these items. However, a student may bring a non-aerosol deodorant and leave it in their PE locker or bookbag.

**Health room / Health concerns?**

If your child has any health concerns, please contact our Health Room and speak with the Health Technician, Lamecca Witherspoon, or our School Nurse, Diane McIntyre at 240-236-5507.

**Change of address or contact information** If you have a change of address, you must provide a new proof of residence. This MUST be a gas, electric, or water bill (we cannot accept deeds, mortgage or bank statements, phone or cable bills). If you have a new phone number, e-mail address, or emergency contact person, please contact our Registrar, Colleen McKenna, at 240-236-5503 or [ColleenR.McKenna@fcps.org](mailto:ColleenR.McKenna@fcps.org) so she can accurately update your child's records.

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**Deliveries to students** will be accepted; however, **the child will not be notified until their lunch shift**. A list of names will be read after everyone has entered the lunchroom. It is the **student's responsibility** to take this opportunity to pick up any items left for them in the vestibule located by the front office. This is where the item will be left and labeled by the parent or person dropping off the item.

6th grade lunch time: 1:00 - 1:30

7th grade lunch time: 11:20 - 11:50

8th grade lunch time: 12:10 - 12:40

**Regarding picking up your student early**, we request as much upfront notice as possible to reduce classroom interruptions as well. Please send an email as soon as possible informing us of an appointment ([oms.attendance@fcps.org](mailto:oms.attendance@fcps.org)). If picking up at the end of the day, **it needs to be before 3:00 due to dismissal starting at 3:10.**

Both of these measures are to help reduce interruptions during valuable learning time. With over a thousand students, these are very necessary measures we are taking. Thank you for your understanding.