



## WORLD LANGUAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome Back, WLMS Student and Families!

We hope you are doing well and are enjoying these remaining weeks of summer break! We are excited to start our third year at World Language Middle School, affectionately known as WLMS, or The MOVEMENT! We cannot wait to see our former students and meet and welcome our new Leopards!

School begins on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30 am. Before students' official first day, we have a few important details to share with you:

- **New Student Welcome and Walkthrough: Thursday, August 17, 4:30 PM-6:30PM ~** We welcome our 6th graders and any NEW STUDENTS with their families to WLMS for a self-guided tour of WLMS. You are welcome to come anytime during this session and stay as briefly or as long or as you would like.
- **Transportation:** Student bus route information will be shared with you from the CCS Transportation Department in the next few weeks. Please check your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and email. For questions, please check the [CCS website](#) or contact Transportation at (614) 365-5074.
- **School Supplies:** We posted student school supply lists on Class Dojo and on the WLMS Facebook page. You can also find the lists [on the WLMS website](#).
- **Open House/PTO Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, August 30, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~** We welcome all of our WLMS families to come meet the WLMS teachers and staff and find out about the wonderful things going on in your student's classes.

Thank you for choosing World Language Middle School, **a world class school that creates successful and compassionate global citizens who think critically, solve problems, and respect all people, and promote intercultural understanding. Go Leopards!**

Sincerely,

Sandra Santos  
Principal

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Who are the new staff members who have joined WLMS?

- **Mr. Rowan Morbey**, *MD Teacher*
- **Ms. Abimbola Obisesan**, *ESL Math Teacher*
- **Ms. Marlene Torrez-Graham**, *Spanish Language Arts Teacher*
- **Ms. Tara Woodford**, *Leadership Intern*

## 2. What health and safety guidelines are being implemented?

WLMS will follow the health guidelines prescribed by Columbus City Schools. Columbus City Schools will continue to follow its current health protocols regarding COVID-19 safety. Masks remain **optional** in CCS. The District's leaders and Health Services team encourages everyone to get vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19 to increase protection against severe illness.

## 3. What are the entry and exit procedures?

**ENTRY:** The building opens at 7:00 am. **Students should not arrive before 7:00 am because there is no adult supervision for them.** Bus riders will be dropped off at the main entrance. If you drop off your student, they should still enter through the main entrance, but please avoid the bus lane. Students are considered tardy after 7:30 am.

**EXIT:** School is dismissed at 2:30 pm. Buses will be parked in the main parking lot and will depart promptly at 2:38 pm. All students who do not ride the bus and are picked up by car will be dismissed to the side parking lot on the corner of Sharon Avenue and Dominion Blvd. Please pick up your student there to avoid interference with the bus lanes. Students are not allowed to leave school prior to 2:30 pm without a parent or guardian who comes in to sign them out. All students must be picked up by 2:45 pm.





**AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS:** All students must exit the building by 2:45 pm. Students must be under the supervision of a teacher, staff member or coach after this time to remain in the building.

**4. What should I know about the attendance policy?-**

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.** Please notify the office by 9:30 am if your student is going to be absent or tardy to school. Communication from a parent/guardian to the school is required if the student is absent from school. The communication should contain the reason for the absence, the date, and a parent/guardian or doctor's signature.

**Frequent absences (more than 10 days) will require a note from a doctor stating the child has a chronic illness that prevents him/her from attending school.**

The following excuses shall be accepted for student absence:

- Personal illness
- Illness or death in the immediate household
- Observation of a religious holiday
- Doctor/Dentist appointment
- Emergencies or any other occurrences which, in the judgment of the principal, may necessitate absence from school



**5. What about breakfast and lunch?**

A nutritious breakfast and lunch every day is important for a child to perform at his/her best. Breakfast will be served daily from 7:00 am – 7:25 am. Breakfast and lunch are FREE for all Columbus City School students and will be served each school day. Students will eat lunch with their grade level classmates. Seafood and pork are not served on the student menus. Click [here](#) for an overview of the CCS School Meal Programs. You can click [here](#) to review the school lunch menus, when they are available.

**6. How do we communicate with teachers?**

WLMS uses Class Dojo as its primary communication tool. Returning families should have access to Class Dojo and information on how to connect will be shared with new families. Additionally, families can communicate with teachers by using the teachers' Columbus City Schools email address or other tools that teachers share.

**7. How will WLMS communicate with me about important information and events?**

WLMS primarily communicates with families using Class Dojo. We will also use Infinite Campus Messenger (voice, text, email notifications), Blackboard, the WLMS website, and our social media sites.

**8. How do I check my student's grades, attendance, transportation information, etc.?**

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal is available for all of these things. Families should complete the Annual Update to make sure that your contact information is up-to-date. Families should also check Parent Portal regularly to monitor their student's progress. Click [here](#) for directions on how to complete the update.

#### 9. What about dress code and electronic devices?

WLMS follows the dress code guidelines found in the *CCS Guide to Student Success*, which will be posted on the CCS website. Students who are not dressed according to this policy will be asked to change or parents/guardians will be asked to bring a change of clothes. In general:

- All clothing should fit properly and not interfere with or cause a disruption to the school environment. Undergarments are to be concealed at all times.
- **Pants/skirts/shorts:** not to be tight or form fitting and are to be no more than 1' larger than the waist and worn on the student's natural waistline. No sagging will be permitted. Pants/skirts/shorts are not to drag on the ground or be shorter than mid-thigh, defined as longer than fingertip length.
- **Shirts/tops:** not to be form fitting, no bare midriffs, bare shoulders, and cleavage must be covered.
- **Shoes:** must be worn at all times. No flip flops, beach shoes, or house shoes are allowed. Sandals are to have a strap around the heel to keep the shoe in place.

It is understood that all cell phones and electronic devices are brought to school at the student's own risk. "Bring your own devices" are permitted, by teacher discretion, in classrooms. WLMS is not responsible for any lost or stolen devices. Students violating the classroom policy will have their devices confiscated by a staff member and parent/guardian will have to pick it up in the Main Office.

#### 10. What do I as a parent or guardian have the right to know?

There is Parent Right to Know Information as required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Click [here](#) to find out more or scan the QR code below.

