



WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY MIDDLE

July 2020 Parent Newsletter

Dear WLA Middle School Parents and Guardians,

As the start of the 2020-2021 school year quickly approaches, I want to reach out to our WLA Middle School families to provide information about the reopening of school during these unprecedented times. I can only imagine that many of you have questions and concerns about starting back to school in the next few weeks. In an effort to help alleviate some of the uncertainty and anxiety you and your students may feel, I will include as much information as I can at this moment in time. Please understand that we are still working through many things and our plans can change at any time.

This is what I know for sure...**Getting our Toros safely and securely back in our building is our FIRST priority!**

The teachers and administration continue to work together, with the Academies of Discovery team and with guidance from the Hall County Schools district office, to develop specific procedures and protocols focusing on student wellness and safety. Please see the information provided below and do not hesitate to email me at laurie.hitzges@hallco.org with any questions you may have at this time. I will continue to send updates as new information becomes available.

Laurie A. Hitzges
Principal, WLA Middle School

Student Orientation and First Day of School

Monday- August 3	Tuesday, August 4	Wednesday, August 5	Thursday, August 6	Friday, August 7
Teacher Workday	Teacher Workday	Teacher Workday	Teacher Workday	Teacher Workday
Monday- August 10	Tuesday- August 11	Wednesday, August 12	Thursday, August 13	Friday, August 14
Student Orientation for students with last names A-M *In person orientation- sixth grade students and any students new to the school *Zoom orientation- 7 th and 8 th grade students (Additional info. coming soon!)	Student Orientation for students with last names N-Z *In person orientation- sixth grade students and any students new to the school *Zoom orientation- 7 th and 8 th grade students (Additional info. coming soon!)	Day 1 of School Orientation for ½ of student body with last names A-M. (All other students do not attend this day.)	Day 2 of School Orientation for ½ of student body with last names N-Z. (All other students do not attend this day.)	Teacher Planning Day No School for Students Monday, August 17 First day of school for ALL students.

What about face coverings?

Face coverings are required for all Hall County Schools employees. At this moment, face coverings for students are not mandatory but they are highly encouraged for everyone's safety. If guidance from the district changes, I will make that information available in a future update.

Please know that students at WLA will be asked to wear face coverings while in classrooms and common areas. They can take a break from masks when they are outdoors. Our plan is to utilize our outdoor spaces as much as possible during the school day.

There are many options for face coverings which include masks, face shields, and neck gators. Students at WLA MS will not be permitted to wear bandanas as face coverings.

To increase school spirit and raise a little money for our school, we are selling WLA masks for \$8. We will have them available for purchase during the first days of school.



We recommend that students bring their own personal water bottles to school to stay hydrated throughout the school day. Use of water fountains will be very limited. Please be sure to label water bottles with your student's full name.

Virtual Learning Option vs. In-person Learning Option



It is very important that we know whether your child will physically return to school in August or if he/she will choose the virtual learning option. If you choose the virtual option for your family, please know that your student will have the same schedule with the same teachers but all work will be completed independently. Class lessons will be recorded and uploaded to Canvas along with assignments and assessments.

Please be sure to complete one form per child found in the link below. We will personally call all families who do not complete the form by July 13. Thank you for getting this information to us!

[2020-21 Reopening Letter for HCSD Families \(English\)](#)



World Language Academy Middle School

2020-2021 Supply List



6th Grade Supply List

1 ½ " or 2" – 3 Ring Binder
7-Pocket folders with brads
1 pack- subject dividers
1 subject spiral notebook
2 white poster boards (Portuguese)
Index Cards 3x5 (100ct)
1 Composition Notebook
1 pack-Notebook Paper (Wide or College Rule)
1 pack- Graph paper
Pencils
1 pack- Blue/Black Pens
Simple calculator
Highlighters
Sketchpad (Visual Arts)
1- paper towels (3 pack)
1- Kleenex (3 pack)
1 – Clorox wipes

Optional items*

glue stick*
scissors *
ruler*
colored pencils*
flash drive *



7th Grade Supply List

2" - 3 Ring Binder
1"- 3 Ring Binder
3-Composition notebooks
(1) Graph paper NOTEBOOK (MATH)
Graph paper
Notebook paper 100ct
Vinyl Pocket folders with brads (Red-Blue-Yellow)
Notecards 100ct
Glue stick
Scissors
Pencils
Blue or Black Pens
Ruler
Colored pencils
1 pack- Subject dividers
Simple calculator (optional)
Sketch pad (Visual arts)

8th Grade Supply List

4-Composition books
1- 3 subject spiral notebook
2- 1 inch 3 ring binders
3 packs- Notebook filler paper (College or Wide Rule)
1 pack- Graph paper
5-Vinyl Pocket folders with brads (Red-Blue-Yellow)
2 packs- 3x5 index cards
Highlighters
Colored pencils
Pencils
Blue or Black pens

Dress code

School uniform is not required for WLA students in grades 6-8.

The Hall County School District's Dress Code expressly lists items that cannot be worn on page 8 of the student agenda. If students are found to be in violation of the dress code and are not able to reach a parent/guardian to bring an extra change of clothes, they will be given an alternate clothing option for the remainder of the day.



Connect with Us!

School wide communications will continue to be sent through Infinite Campus Messenger, social media and our WLAMS website.

World Language Academy Middle School



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Instagram**

@wlams2019

follow us on
twitter



@language_middle

**Visit the World Language Academy
Middle School website at**

<https://wlams.hallco.org>

Student IDs

Student IDs will be distributed to all students in grades 6-8 sometime in late August or early September. IDs are more important than ever this year. Please encourage your student to wear it each day.

Below you will find guidance regarding student IDs:



- Students must wear their IDs every day.
- IDs are used to identify students but also can be used to scan student numbers in the lunch line, media center and to check-in/check-out in the WLA office.
- Lost IDs cost \$5.00 and can be purchased in our WLA Office.
- Please encourage your students to put their IDs in their backpacks at the end of each school day.
- Student will receive a lanyard with their IDs but have the option to purchase a lanyard of their choice. There is no color restriction for the lanyards.

We need substitute teachers! If you have time in your schedule, please consider subbing for us. To fill out an application, please go to:

- www.hallco.org
- Departments – HR Website
- General Information Tab – AppliTrack
- Vacancies – Substitute
- They will need to create a Login/Password to start the online application process. (Once this is done, the applicant will need to save their login/password so they can access their account when needed.)

