

August Newsletter

Language Academy of Sacramento

Welcome to the 22/23 school year!

Covid-19 Testing

At LAS, we remain committed to maintaining the healthiest school environment possible. Please ensure that if your child is symptomatic that they remain at home until at least 24 hours have passed and symptoms have improved significantly. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within five days prior to the start of school, please contact the main office for further guidance.

As a way to further protect our community, and especially our immunocompromised staff and students, as we return to school, on Tuesday, August 16, we will be conducting school wide testing. Please ensure that you have completed the Primary Health waiver that has been shared with the school's primary contact. If you would prefer that your child not be tested, please send an email to covidtesting@lasac.info.

Moving forward, we will continue to provide families with at-home tests periodically, and are able to test students that are exhibiting symptoms while on campus. Changes to this practice may occur based on state and county public health recommendations and policy changes.



Attendance

Unless your child is sick, please make sure they attend school on time, every day. Every minute of child's time at school is important. Children who are absent for even one day, or

who arrive later than their classmates, miss valuable instruction time and can easily fall behind in school.

When a student is absent from school, it results in a loss of funding for our school. The state of California does not reimburse school offices for days students are absent.

Satisfactory school progress is dependent upon regular attendance. Please plan vacation trips and absences for personal reasons during school breaks so that the education process is not disrupted.

If a student does not attend his/her assigned class or activity and has not obtained teacher approval to be elsewhere, then the absence shall be presumed unexcused. Students will receive consequences for unexcused absences, which may include parent conference or referral to the student attendance review team.

All students (1st-8th) must be in class by 8.05am and TK & Kindergarten students should be in class by 8.35am. If your child is not IN his/her classroom by the time the 8.05 or 8.35 (for Kindergarten) bell rings, they must go to the office for a tardy slip. **All absences must be reported to the office either via phone (916.277.7137), in person to front office staff, email to Ms. Melani Cuellar Vazquez or Bibiana Alcalá, a written note, or via the LAS website.** Please try to schedule all appointments outside of your child's regular school day. If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before or after the appointment so that they miss the least amount of instructional time. We are certain that you will make an effort to ensure that happens. Thank you!

School Meals

As a reminder, all students have access to breakfast from 7:45am to 8:00am and lunch at the corresponding grade level time. If your child does not bring lunch to school, please ensure that they are taking advantage of the free school lunch.

[Menu](#)

In addition, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school/ Hydration is especially important in the hot weather.

Masks

Masks are STRONGLY recommended while indoors at school. Updates will be shared as we continue to monitor state and county public health recommendations and policy changes.



Pick up / Drop off

The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility and only by working together can we ensure that our children travel to and from school as safely as possible. Please adhere to LAS' parking and traffic area procedures, please do not sit and wait in red zones, white zones or handicapped zones unless you are eligible to do so. We would like to thank you for your attention to these issues.

Please be safe and think safe, especially around school. The safety of everyone is very important to us, therefore please note the following reminders:

- Do not park or leave your car unattended along the red curbs.
- Drop-off/pick-up zone: Keep moving to the forward position in order to keep traffic running smoothly.
- Do not stop in the middle of the street or in the middle of the parking lot to drop off or pick up your child. Park some place safe and legal.
- Use the crosswalk.
- Do not block the crosswalk with a vehicle.
- Do not make U-turns in front of a school. It can be safe and illegal.
- Do not double park in the parking lot or roadway.
- Be patient and calm at all times.
- Stay off cell phones and electronic devices.
- Be courteous and follow the direction of school staff, they are their to guide a smooth traffic flow and maintain the safety of the LAS community.
- You may park in the designated parking lot for visitors and parents which is located at the front of the school or on the street. Parking in the UC Davis lot could result in a parking violation. Parents are NOT to parkin the staff parking lot. Violators will be towed.

LAS Dress Code Policy

As mentioned in the [message](#) sent to all families over the summer, all students will be expected to adhere to the LAS Dress Code Policy.

This information can also be found in our [student handbook](#).

Uniform Sales

The front office will resume uniform sales on September 6th. This includes both school and PE uniforms. Only grades 5-8th needs PE uniforms.

Visitors

While we love and appreciate our parents and volunteers, in order to maintain mitigation and safety protocols, for the time being parents will not be allowed to go on campus. Admin will reevaluate later on in the school year.



About Us

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Mission

The LAS mission is to create a learning environment where students: Utilize bilingualism and biliteracy (Spanish and English) to achieve academic excellence and apply skills in real-world situations and diverse settings. (BILITERACY) Develop and exhibit positive self-esteem, pride, confidence, and respect for themselves and others. (CONFIDENCE AND LIFE SKILLS) Demonstrate leadership skills in order to build bridges between communities and apply critical thinking skills to solve problems, promote social justice, and create change in society. (LEADERSHIP AND CRITICAL THINKING)

Vision

Our vision is to provide an exceptional Spanish-English bilingual education for all students.

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