

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

WORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 11158 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE, WORTH, IL 60482 | 708-448-2801



Dear Worth Elementary Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Worth Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year! We are so happy to once again have the opportunity to serve our families during the upcoming school year. It seems like yesterday that we said, "See you in August," and here we are preparing for another wonderful year. As we prepare to return to school, some things will remain the same from last year, and there will be a few changes. We are so happy to welcome you back, and look forward to seeing everyone on August 18th!

Schedule - All Students

We will be returning to a full day schedule. All students, grades 1-5 will be in attendance from 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM. Students may enter the building beginning at 8:15 AM. **Pre-ordered meals will be served in school.** Only students who ordered breakfast and/or lunch will receive school meals.

Breakfast / Lunch ordering

As in years past, parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches. Please be sure to order breakfast and lunches by **Tuesday, August 10th**, to ensure that your child(ren) will begin the school year each day with breakfast and lunch.

Meal orders are available for grades 1-8 only. No meals will be provided for EC, Pre-K, or K. If you are in need of assistance with ordering, please call the Nutrition Hotline at 708-671-3903. Meal ordering information is now available on the district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

Meal ordering is available for August 18-31. **September meals will be ordered separately.** Please continue to check the district website and your communication platforms for September ordering information.

Class Assignments

Your student's class assignment will be sent to the parent email listed in PowerSchool via School Messenger by Wednesday, August 11. Most contact information should have been updated during the registration process. If you have recently changed your contact information, or you would like to check, you may follow the instructions listed on the district website: <https://worthschools.org/parents/communication/>

Half Day Programs (EC/ PreK/ K)

Half day programs (EC, PreK, Kindergarten) will attend in AM (8:30 - 11:30) or PM (12:15 - 3:15) sessions. Students were enrolled in sessions based on availability at the time of registration. Notification of session placement will be communicated on **Aug 11, 2021**, along with Gr 1-5 classroom assignments. Parents of ALL EC/PreK/K students may use the frontage on Oak Park to drop off and pick up students. To ensure safety, AM students will want to arrive after the buses, as close to 8:30am as possible. Staff members will be available to assist our littlest learners into the building.

First Day of School

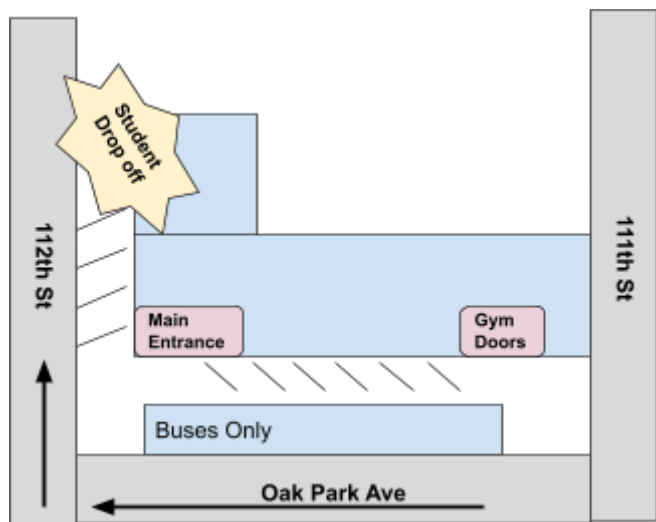
On the first day of school, students should come with supplies listed on the Worth Schools website. Student chromebooks will be distributed at a later date and will mainly be kept in the classroom. Students who did not sign up for meals will need to bring lunch from home.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

Parents who drop off and pick up students will continue to follow the same procedures as last year. Parents must drop off and pick up students at the area on 112th reserved for this purpose. Only buses should enter the frontage on Oak

Park Ave. To ensure smooth traffic flow, please make sure your child has his or her items ready and allow the staff member on duty to assist your child if he or she needs assistance. Please do not allow students to enter or exit vehicles on the street, as it could cause a safety issue. Parents and students should only cross the street where there is a crossing guard. Please note that there are "No Parking" signs at various locations along 112th street and you should observe these parking restrictions.

Parents who choose to walk their students to school may bring them to the assigned doors. The drop off / pick up location in front of the main entrance is reserved for buses and those requiring accessible parking.



Entrances	
Main Doors	Gym Doors
EC, PreK, K, Gr 1, Gr 4, Gr 5	Gr 2 - 3

Safety Measures

In order to ensure students are safe under Covid-19 protocols, we ask that you collect your children immediately upon dismissal and exit school property directly. Families should not congregate on any of the school properties.

More information regarding specific protocols, mask wearing, and social distancing will be forthcoming from our district office at a later date.

August Important Dates

- Monday, August 16: Kindergarten Orientation (AM 4:00 - 4:45, PM 5:00 - 5:45)
- Wednesday, August 18th: First day of school - full day (8:15 - 3:15)
- Tuesday August 31: Worthwoods Open House
- Wednesday September 1: **Worth Elementary Open House**
- Thursday September 2: Worth Junior High Open House

Please know we continue to dedicate ourselves to providing the best possible educational experiences for your child(ren). Always feel free to contact your child's teachers, myself, or Mrs. Wills with any questions you have or with anything you or your child may need from the Worth Elementary School community. Please refer to Worth School District 127's web page at www.worthschools.org for all other information. We are looking forward to a successful school year. Your continued support is much appreciated as we begin the upcoming school year.

Respectfully,

Maureen Eichstaedt
Principal

Melissa Wills
Assistant Principal, Worth / Worthwoods