

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

WORTHWOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 11000 SOUTH OKETO AVE, WORTH, IL 60482 | 708-448-2802



Dear Worthwoods Elementary Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Worthwoods Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year! We are so happy to have the opportunity to serve our families during the upcoming school year. It seems like yesterday that we said, "See you in August!" As we prepare to return to school, some things will remain the same from last year, and there will be a few changes. Either way, 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.

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.

Breakfast / Lunch ordering

As in years past, parents and guardians need to pre-order breakfasts and lunches. Parents and guardians must place orders for breakfast AND lunches by . 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 (K)

Half day programs 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 Wednesday, August 11, along with Gr 1-5 classroom assignments.

First Day of School

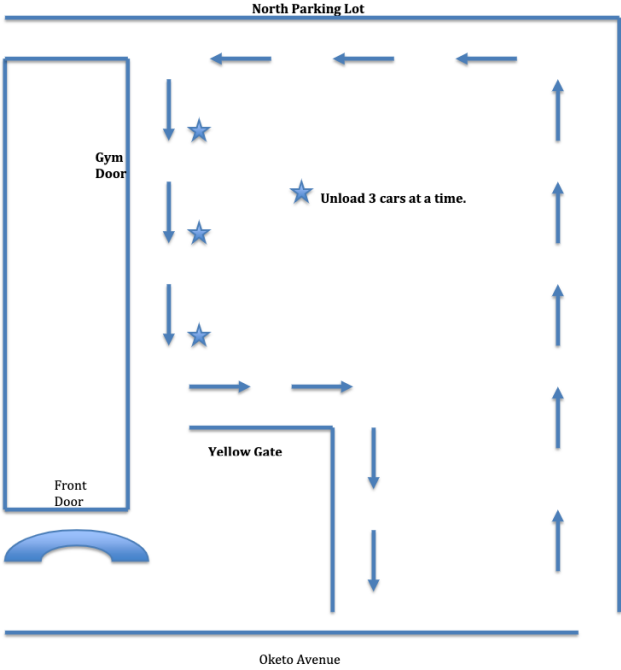
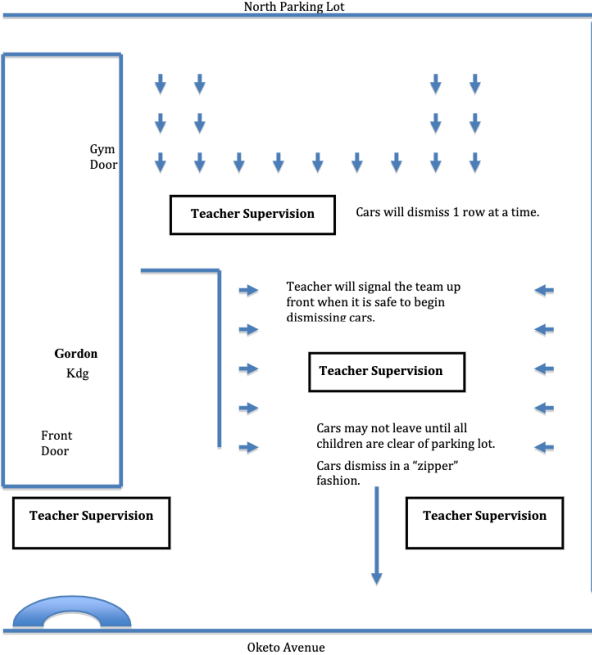
On the first day of school, students should come with supplies listed on the Worth Schools website. Student

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. All students will enter the building through the GYM doors and will be directed to their classrooms.

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 students at the GYM doors and pick up students at their designated door for dismissal. 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. Parents who choose to walk their students to school in the morning may walk them to the GYM. Please do not allow students to exit or enter vehicles on the street, as it could create a safety issue. The drop off / pick up location in front of the main entrance is reserved for buses and those requiring accessible access.

Below are the assigned entrance/exit doors for each grade level along with parking lot procedures:

Arrival	Dismissal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 1-5 and AM K: Gym Doors PM K: Door 2, first door North side of the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades K,1: Door 2, first door North side Grades 2-3: Door 3, second door North side (with ramp) Grade 4-5: Gym doors
Parking Lot Procedures	
<p>Arrival: 8:15 - 8:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the circular pattern towards the back of the north parking lot. All students will enter the Gym doors starting at 8:15. Students should exit from the passenger side of the car only. Pull as far forward as possible to allow 3-4 cars to unload at one time.  <p>The diagram shows a rectangular North Parking Lot with Oketo Avenue at the bottom. A yellow gate is located on the right side. Blue arrows indicate a circular flow: cars enter from the bottom right, move left along the bottom, then up along the right side, and finally left along the top back into the lot. Three stars are placed along the left side of the lot, with the text 'Unload 3 cars at a time.' next to them. The building is on the left, with 'Gym Door' at the top and 'Front Door' at the bottom. A blue semi-circle representing a bus stop is shown in front of the Front Door.</p>	<p>Dismissal: 3:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to arrive between 2:55 - 3:10 as we close the parking lot at 3:12. Back into a parking spot or line up in rows at the back of the parking lot. The parking lot will reopen once all children have safely cleared the area. Cars will be dismissed from front to back.  <p>The diagram shows the same North Parking Lot. Blue arrows indicate cars entering from the bottom and lining up in rows at the back (top) of the lot. Four 'Teacher Supervision' boxes are shown: one at the top back, one on the right side, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right. Text boxes provide instructions: 'Cars will dismiss 1 row at a time.' near the top supervision box; 'Teacher will signal the team up front when it is safe to begin dismissing cars.' near the right supervision box; 'Cars may not leave until all children are clear of parking lot. Cars dismiss in a "zipper" fashion.' near the bottom supervision boxes. The building and bus stop are also shown.</p>

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 18: 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 Worthwoods 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,



Ashley Toms
Principal



Melissa Wills
Assistant Principal