

August Newsletter

Language Academy of Sacramento

Welcome to the 23/24 school year!

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 Vazquez Cuellar](#) or [Bibiana Alcalá](#), a written note, or via the [Absence Notification Form on 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!



Dress Code Policy

The LAS Governing Board believes that the development of dress codes and grooming attitudes and behavior patterns is part of the educational experience. LAS is a community where respect is a foundational core value: self-respect, respect for others in the community, and respect for the common learning space we share. The LAS Dress Code exists as a community agreement of the balance between these three pillars of respect. Therefore, wearing clothing, hairstyle, makeup, or jewelry which are distracting or interfere with the study habits of students in class or school, or pose a health or safety risk to the students, are defined as not respectful and hence, not acceptable.

At LAS, we strongly encourage all students to wear school uniforms from Monday to Thursday. The uniform consists of a forest green (dark green) shirt or blouse, a LAS logo shirt (any color) and appropriate pants, jeans, shorts, or skirts. Jeans, without excessive holes, are also acceptable. Each Friday, students are allowed to wear appropriate free-dress.

Students' attire must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirts, or the equivalent (dresses or shorts). Examples of unacceptable pants include those with excessive holes or pajama bottoms.
- When the body is standing straight, students must wear clothing that covers the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to mid-thigh.
- Tops/tank tops must have a strap.
- Clothing must cover all undergarments/underwear and may not be see-through.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip-flops are prohibited.
- Hats, hoods, and head covers must be removed while indoors. Exceptions to this rule may be made for medical or religious reasons.
- Attire and/or grooming depicting or advocating violence, weapons, criminal activity, gang-related activity, use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, pornography, foul language, hate speech, or clothing that could be considered

prohibited.

- Students in grades Transitional Kindergarten-8th will participate in Physical Education classes and will be expected to dress appropriately for their grade level. In 5th-8th grades, students will be expected to wear physical education uniforms during classes.
- Special dress days, such as Student Council Spirit Days, will be announced by school personnel. The dress code may vary on these days and will be announced ahead of time.

If students are identified as wearing inappropriate attire or footwear, they will be given the opportunity to change into appropriate clothing, if available at the site, or request that a parent bring a change of clothing or footwear. ALL school certificated and classified PERSONNEL shall be responsible for reporting violations of this dress code. Continued violations of the dress code will be considered defiance and will be referred to administration for disciplinary action, which may include suspension. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call the school office.

Food Allergies

Peanut/tree nut allergies claim more lives each year than any other food allergy. There are students at the Language Academy of Sacramento who have been diagnosed with a serious peanut and/or tree nut allergy that can be life threatening. A child with a serious nut allergy can suffer a severe reaction by ingesting trace amounts or simply touching peanut/tree nut containing foods.

LAS staff has been trained to use epinephrine injectors and has some available to use in case of emergency. There are no cures for food allergies, so strictly avoiding the allergy-causing food is the safest plan.

Please help us by voluntarily adhering to the following food allergy safety guidelines:

- Avoid any food items to be eaten as snacks at school with ingredient labels indicating they contain peanuts or peanut butter
- Avoid food items with ingredient labels indicating they were manufactured in a factory that processes nuts
- Parties are a special time for children, but can be difficult for the food-allergic child. In an effort to promote awareness and healthy eating habits, we encourage that you send fresh fruits and vegetables for class celebrations
- If your child eats food with peanuts or peanut butter prior to coming to school, please make sure they wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water before coming to school



This is a learning process for all of us, and we trust you understand the necessity and seriousness of these guidelines. We are sure that together we can ensure the safety of our students!



Pick up / Drop off

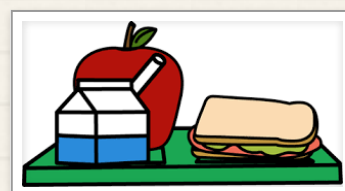
The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility and only by working together can we ensure that our children travel to and from school as safely as possible. Please adhere to LAS' parking and traffic area procedures, please do not sit and wait in red zones, white zones or handicapped zones unless 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 unsafe 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 park in the staff parking lot. Violators will be towed.

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.

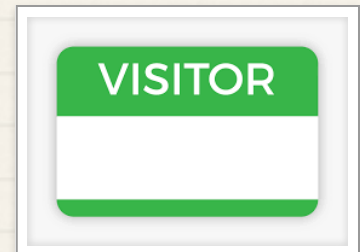


Uniform Sales

The front office will resume uniform sales on September 5th after 9am. This includes both school and PE uniforms. Only grades 5-8th needs PE uniforms.

Visitors

Upon dropping off your children at school, if you plan to stay on campus beyond 8.15am (8.45am for TK/K), we ask that you check in to the office and obtain a visitors badge.



At the start of the 2023-2024 school year, school leadership will hold a School Visitor & Volunteer Orientation Meeting. During this meeting, a detailed process for visiting and volunteering at LAS will be shared.



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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