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Please read this letter in its entirety. It contains some very valuable information. This information can also be reviewed on the school website.

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Dear Alpha Academy Parents:

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We want to thank all of you in advance for your support to Alpha Academy and allowing us to serve your child's educational needs. At Alpha Academy, our top priority is committed to ensuring that we improve teaching and learning for all students. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that we are intentionally embracing parental involvement and our community volunteers, which are vital parts of our school culture.

Educating students is a big job, and to do it well, we need your help. Please be sure your child comes to school each day rested and ready to learn. Daily attendance and arriving on time are also important – we don't want our students to miss any instructional time, so please make sure your child is here on time every day. **Regular attendance sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Please cultivate the importance that school comes first by trying to keep days off for illnesses and family emergencies. If possible, please schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments for after school or over school breaks.**

Again, we ask that you support us by making sure your child understands that school is important and success in school is something that your family values. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education do better in school than children whose parents are not involved. Our hope is that you will be an active partner with us, by joining our school's Parent-Teacher Task Force (PTTF), volunteering at the school, or taking part in special events. We welcome your involvement in our school. Please visit our school's website to complete a volunteer application at www.alphaacademy.education. Background checks will be required.

Our school hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Students should arrive on time for school to ensure that he/she is ready for daily instruction. *Due to unavailable supervision, students will not be allowed to enter the building before 7:45 a.m.* **Students who are tardy, parents must bring them in at the main office and sign-in at the attendance kiosk. This process will ensure the safety of all students.**

Other Important Information to know:

- **Parent Communication Log/Student Folder/Parent Class Dojo** – Parents, please check your child's communication log, folder, and/or Class Dojo daily for homework assignments, teacher communication and/or student behavior.
- **Lunch Program - All students** must have an approved lunch application, cash, or money on account to make meal purchases. You can complete a lunch application on the school's website at www.alphaacademy.education.
Online

lunch applications will be available to complete after July 15th, 2024. More information concerning student lunch accounts will be provided at orientation.

Status	Lunch
Reduced	\$4.15
Paid	\$4.50

- **Buses** – Please check the school’s website for the 2024-25 bus routes and times. Take note of your child’s bus color, the bus stop, and the time to expect your child to be picked up and dropped off. Please have your child at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to pick up time. Please be flexible with the bus schedule during the first three weeks of school. If you have questions about transportation, please contact the front office or Mr. Fluitt in our Transportation Department, at ext. 1142.
- **Transportation Changes** – To ensure your child receives updated transportation information, any changes to your child’s normal transportation arrangement must be received at the office by 1:30 p.m. **No transportation changes will be noted after 1:30 p.m.** and the child will be sent home via his/her usual arrangement. Please **do not** leave transportation changes on the school’s voicemail. Your child may not receive this information in a timely fashion.
- **Student Walkers** - Students who are walkers will be escorted outside with the car riders. Parents must provide a written notice to the office giving permission for the student to walk. This information must be approved by Administration before the child can walk home. If there is no note on file, the student will remain at the school for the parent /guardian to pick the student up.
- **Late arrivals for pickup** – Please keep in mind our staff have afterschool duties before they go home, and they have families too. Any students picked up after 3:45 pm is considered a late pickup and the parent will be charged a \$15 late fee for each child and is due when the student(s) is picked up.
- **Early Dismissal**- All students picked up before the end of the school day must be signed out before 2:30 pm. **We will not interrupt classrooms at or after 2:30 p.m. for early dismissals.** This policy will reduce the interruptions to the classrooms, ensure that every child has the opportunity to maximize his/her learning opportunities and will provide for a smooth transition to afternoon dismissal.
- **Bell Schedule-**
 - ❖ 7:45 a.m. Students may enter the building
 - ❖ 8:00 a.m. Tardy Bell/Instruction begins
 - ❖ 3:30 p.m. Dismissal

(In case of inclement weather (below 40 degrees, rain, etc.) students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:30 a.m.)
- **Student Dress Code** - Please review the Alpha Academy Dress Code Guidelines for the 2024-2025 school year online on the school’s website. We are currently reviewing this information and the updated information will be available after July 15th.
- **Electronic Devices** - Cell phones and electronic devices to include, I-Watches, Android watches and/or any other electronic devices deemed by Administration are prohibited during school hours. These items can pose a disruption to the educational environment and WILL NOT be allowed to be used or visible during the school day. If any of these devices are confiscated from your child, the items will be return to the student after 30 days.
- **Bullying- Take time to discuss with your child about bullying and make sure that he/she understands that our school has a ZERO TOLERANCE for such behavior. A student who is bullying could possibly face out-of-school suspension, to include expulsion from the school.**
- **School Wide Rules and Code of Student Conduct-** We have five school rules to help our students receive quality instruction in an orderly, educational environment:
 - 1. Promptly follow directions of their teachers and administrators.
 - 2. Use kind words and actions.
 - 3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

- o 4. Remain in your seat, in school and on the bus, as directed.
- o 5. Use quiet voices and only talk when allowed.

We need your cooperation to ensure that all our students will receive a quality education. **We want to stress that we have ZERO TOLERANCE FOR STUDENTS DISRUPTING THE TEACHER FROM TEACHING AND STUDENTS FROM LEARNING. STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO ADHERE TO OUR SCHOOL RULES AND EXPECTATIONS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL. THE STAFF HAS BEEN CHARGED TO IMPROVE TEACHING, LEARNING, AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

Please review and discuss the school rules with your child daily and review the Alpha Academy Handbook and Student Code of Conduct to ensure that your child understands the expectations for behavior and learning at Alpha Academy.

Planning Ahead/Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 8 th	Virtual Orientation for ALL Students (time and link will be provided on the school’s website)
Tuesday, August 13 th	Pre – 5 th grade Orientation (in person) 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14 th	6-8 th grades Orientation (in person) 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 15 th	9-12 th grades Orientation (in person) 6:00 p.m.

(all in person orientations will be held in the main auditorium)

Monday, August 19th

First Day of School

The school’s calendar is enclosed with this letter and on the school’s website.

We encourage you to stay in touch with your child’s teacher and/or teachers if you have any questions during the school year. We can make this a great year by working together. We look forward to partnering with you this year to help your child to soar to his or her highest potential.

Thank you,

Alpha Academy Administration

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