

# WMS Frequently Asked Questions

## Where can I pick up my child from school?

You can pick up or drop off your child in the front circle part of the building. Buses will pick up the students in the back of the school at the end of the day.

## What do I need to do if my child is sick for the day or needs to leave for a doctor appointment?

If a student will be absent for any reason, a parent or guardian should call the school at 320-214-6006 preferably before 8:00 am on the day of the absence. The attendance phone line is available for messages 24 hours a day, every day. If you need to pick up your student early for an appointment, please write a note to be given to the attendance secretary. The student will be given an early dismissal pass. We request parents come in to the main office to pick up their student if they have not sent a note or called.

## What can I do when my child forgets his/her assignment or ...lunch, instrument, or equipment ... etc.?

When you get the "I forgot" phone call, tell your student when you will be dropping off the item at the main office. The student can pick up his/her item between classes, during homeroom, or over the lunch hour.

## Is there a dress code?

Yes, our students may not wear clothing that presents inappropriate language (as determined by each classroom teacher or administrator), drug or alcohol advertising, or ethnic, racial, or sexist put-downs. Students' clothing must not become a distraction to the educational environment. Clothing that does not cover students' shoulders, midriff and chest; clothing that does not cover their undergarments; and undergarments that are worn as outer garments are all examples of dress that creates a distracting environment.

Students who wear such clothing will be required to change clothes. (The school will provide appropriate clothing.) Shorts or skirts need to be below the length of the finger tips when arms are side. If appropriate clothing is not available at school, the parent will be notified to bring in appropriate clothing or pickup the student. Students may not wear a hat in school. They will not be allowed to wear a jacket during the school day. Students wearing hats or jackets must remove them. If the problem persists, the hat or jacket will be taken.

## Can my student carry a backpack throughout the school day?

Because of safety concerns, students will not be allowed to use backpacks during the school day. Students may use backpacks to transport books and belongings to and from school. Backpacks must remain in lockers between 7:55 a.m. and the end of the day.

## Can my child carry a cell phone or pager?

Students are NOT allowed to use or display cell phones during the school day. All cell phones not in lockers from the beginning to the end of the school day will be confiscated. First offense: the phone is taken, and a parent must pick it up in the main office. The second offense: The phone will be taken and a parent must meet with an administrator.

Students may use a classroom phone in an emergency situation. If you need to contact your student during the school day, please call 320-214-6000 and a message will be sent to your child.

WMS is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic equipment. This includes cell phones, iPods, headphones, etc. iPods, MP-3 players, headphones, etc., are not allowed in school. This is school policy and we are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please make sure these valuables remain at home. Thank you for your support.

## How does my child sign up for an extra-curricular activity?

Throughout our school year, a wide variety of extra-curricular activities are offered. For additional after school activities information, contact Rob Baumgarn, activities director at 320.214.6020.

## Will my child be bused to Willmar Middle School?

Willmar Middle School students will be bused if they live more than 2 miles from our school. If you are in question about your child's transportation, please contact Willmar Bus Company at 320-235-2110 or Palmer Bus Company at 320-382-6421.

## How do I enter the building during the day?

All visitors use the front door by the intercom, press the buzzer to have the door unlocked, and report to the office.