



Willow Vista Early Childhood Academy

Home of the Wildcats

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Dear Parents,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Willow Vista Early Childhood Academy. Our staff is thrilled to begin a new school year! While the current COVID crisis has created some challenges and new procedures, it is still our goal to provide a fun, enriching and safe environment where your child can grow and learn, reaching his or her maximum potential.

The school day is from 7:40 AM-3:25 PM. Every child will be served a free breakfast each morning at 7:40. Providing a predictable and regular morning routine will help your child have a great start to each day, so arriving between 7:30 and 7:40 each day is ideal. If you need to bring your child earlier than 7:30, please contact me via email, dana.bolin@rrisd.net.

Due to safety, CDC, and TEA guidelines and requirements, it is not feasible for parents to walk their child into the building at arrival. To ease in the transition for the first three days of school, we will have teachers out front by the sidewalks from 7:30-7:45. We are asking parents to please leave their child with their child's teacher at the front of the building with a quick and happy "good-bye" while social distancing. Then, we will escort children to their classrooms. Beginning Tuesday, August 25th, we are asking all parents to use the drop-off lane. We will have ample staff available to welcome and escort your child to class.

Schedules, classroom set up, additional hand-washing stations, are some of many safety guidelines being put in place for your child. Our staff will, of course, be wearing face shields and/or face masks, but we are not requiring students to wear masks at this time. However, it is imperative that parents screen their child at home before bringing them to school each day.

For now, all visitors are allowed by appointment only, will be screened before entering the building, and must wear a mask. If forgotten items and/or paperwork needs to be delivered to the school, a drop-off cart will be at the front doors to minimize visitor traffic as well.

Additionally, to reduce contact, we are requesting that parents use the pick-up lane for dismissal. We will bring students to your vehicle once we verify your identity.

More information regarding student screening and our campus procedures will be provided during your "Meet the Teacher" appointment, which will be scheduled a day or two before school starts.

In the meantime, I encourage you to become involved in your child's educational experience by becoming involved in campus activities. Important notes and reports will come in your child's Take-Home folder. We also communicate through email, Class Dojo, newsletters and Facebook. Please "like" Willow Vista Early Childhood Academy's Facebook page, @willowvistaeca. Teachers will send invites for you to join Class Dojo.

Please feel free to contact me any time during the school year with questions or concerns. Thanks for choosing Willow Vista Early Childhood Academy! Together we can work toward providing a wonderful educational experience for your child.

Educationally yours,

Dana Bolin
WVECA Principal