

2018-2019 Orientation Notes for DIS Parents

Transportation

If your child qualifies for transportation, please call the Transportation Department at **580-924-7015** before school begins, even if your child rode last year. Please do not wait until the first day of school to take care of this. Your child AND your child's teacher should know the first day how your child will get home and what bus number. This is critical to a smooth first day for everyone.



Your child should know how they are going to get home each day before they leave for school. Please avoid changing plans at the last minute as this is confusing for students and hard to manage a large volume of calls at the end of the day.



Drop Off/Pickup

Doors open at 7:15 for breakfast and morning drop off. The school day begins at 7:50 so doors lock back at that time and any late students should be checked in at the front office. Classes dismiss at 3:10 and traffic is very heavy until about 3:20 p.m. If you have children at an elementary school, please pick them up first before you come to DIS. DIS students not picked up by 3:30 will be taken to front entrance. (Realize the first week will be hectic at drop off and dismissal and adjust your schedule accordingly.)

4th Graders should be dropped off and picked up on the 4th grade side. Waiting until after 3:10 usually helps with traffic flow. Students not picked up by 3:30ish will be taken around to the front by Mrs. Gosnell. *5th/6th graders* may be dropped off on either the 4th grade side or at the side entrances from Waco Street in the morning but afternoon pickup for 5th/6th is ONLY on the south side of the building off of Waco Street. **Please be sure anyone who picks them up knows WHERE to pick them up. No parents should be dropping off or picking up from Grand Street. This is for buses ONLY. Please do not pick up students from the Tag Office on Washington or from the Indian Clinic parking lot on Chuckwa & Washington.**

If you have children in multiple grades at DIS, please have any 5th or 6th graders go to the 4th grade area for pickup. It helps if you give them a few more minutes for pickup instead of being the first one in line.

Breakfast/Lunch

We begin serving breakfast at 7:15-7:45 a.m. in both the main cafeteria (5th and 6th) and the 4th grade gym/cafeteria. 4th graders should be dropped off in the loop by the 4th grade gym and go there for breakfast. 4th Graders will stay there until it is time to be dismissed to class. 5th and 6th graders should eat in the main cafeteria and then go immediately to the big gym where they will stay until they are dismissed to class. Due to a high volume of breakfast eaters, students should not loiter in the cafeteria but go straight to BIG gym.

Lunch times are: 4th – 10:50-11:35, 5th – 11:39-12:27, 6th – 12:32-1:20. Parents are always welcome to come and join your child for lunch. Ask your child if they have 1st lunch or 2nd lunch. (Half of each grade is at lunch while the other half is at recess, then they switch.) All lunches will be in the main cafeteria.

You can deposit money into your child's lunch/breakfast account at www.myschoolbucks.com or bring money by the cafeteria/send with your child. If you use the website, you can sign up for email notices if your child's account drops below a certain amount. You will need your child's student ID to sign up. (Located on their schedule, portal, or previous report card.) Breakfast is free at DIS to all students. Student lunches cost \$2.30.

Just for Parents:

Good parent communication is a goal at DIS - please be sure to sign up for any text alerts your child's teacher sends out as well as keep your phone/address/email current with our office. Be sure you are signed up for the parent portal if you have not already– it allows you to login and check grades/attendance/discipline as well as lunch balance. All sites have newsletters and to sign up for our newsletter, go to

<http://www.durantisd.org/newsletter>. All school wide information and important school dates are sent through the newsletter.

We have a school nurse who manages any necessary medications for your child. Nurse Ashley may be reached at 580-916-7163.

Textbooks are checked out to students electronically. Any books damaged or not turned in at the end of year will have to be reimbursed to the school. Book prices range from \$45-\$100.

If your child will be out sick, please call our main office at 924-1397 to report the absence. If your child has seen the doctor, please bring a doctor's excuse slip to the main office or you can fax one to: 580-920-7940 or email to suzanne.cryer@durantisd.org. Students not in compliance with compulsory attendance laws will be invited to Attendance Court.

Durant Intermediate School Dress Code

- The age of DIS students bring developmental changes and a lot of growth during their school year, therefore, what meets dress code in the fall, may not meet dress code in the spring.
- We ask that spaghetti straps NOT be worn. All undergarments must be hidden from sight by the pants or shirt.
- Shorts, dresses, or skirts should reach fingertips and no holes should be showing in clothing above fingertip length as well. Students should avoid wearing cut off sleeves with large armholes.
- Tight fitting knitwear is prohibited unless covered by a garment that is fingertip length. This includes but is not limited to yoga pants, leggings, biking shorts, spandex or other tight fitting garments. Clothing with logos or words printed on the seat is prohibited.
- Students may not wear clothing or accessories that display symbols, pictures, lettering or numbering that is profane, vulgar, repulsive, interpreted as sexual innuendo, or obscene or that advertises or promotes dangerous weapons, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, low point beer, illegal or illicit drugs, drug-related items, drug paraphernalia, or other items or activities that are illegal for the general population or for minors.
- Students wishing to change their hair color will be restricted to those colors, which are considered naturally occurring.
- Modesty is our general rule. Flip flops may be worn but are discouraged due to daily recess and PE.
- Caps/Hats may be worn outside only with the exception of designated hat days.