

FMCS New Student FAQ's General Questions

Where can I find the most up to date information about our school?

All parents and family members are encouraged to read the Eagle's Landing, our Monthly Parent Newsletter. Eagle's Landing is sent out from our Head of School, Mrs. Winningham, twice monthly via email. It can also be accessed through our school website. This document is a "live" document which means it is frequently updated to provide our families with the most up-to-date information. If you have not received this electronic newsletter, please check your spam/junk folders and call the school to ensure your email address is correct in our school database.

What are the most important things to read to get to know our school policies and procedures?

All families are encouraged to read through our Student Handbook. A hard copy of the handbook will be provided at Orientation. Electronic copies can also be provided upon request. Additionally, please review any class information or school syllabi provided by your student's teacher(s). We recommend creating a quick-reference FMCS "Binder" to keep in your family's personal documents. This binder may include our handbook, daily classroom procedures, Seesaw codes, and any other school information that is provided at Open House in your new school year folder, or information that is sent home from your student's teacher(s) on the first week of school.

Is my child required to have a laptop or tablet?

No—students in grades VPK-5th grade are not required to have a laptop or tablet, however, some teachers will encourage use of these devices for additional educational enrichment using school approved programs like IXL or Accelerated Reader at home.

Students in grade 6-8 are assigned a personal iPad for daily school use. Middle School students are required to bring their iPads to school daily. It is very important that the iPad is fully charged at the beginning of school each day.

Cell phones and smart watches are not permitted for use at school by any student. If your student has a personal cell phone we encourage them to leave it at home, or if they are a Middle Schooler, they will park their phone in the 'garage' at front desk of the Middle School daily for the duration of the school day.

How do I contact my child's teacher?

Your child's teacher will provide their preferred means of communication at Orientation. This may include contact via the Seesaw app or through a teacher's school email address. All FMCS Faculty and Staff have an email account that they are required to regularly check. If there is an urgent need to reach a teacher during school hours, please contact our Front Office at 239-939-4642 for immediate assistance. If you feel the need to discuss any in-depth matters related to your child, please contact your child's teacher directly to schedule an appointment to meet in-person or talk over the phone.

What if I need more help with other things beyond the teacher's expertise?

If you need assistance for any of the following matters, please contact these FMCS Staff Members: Financial Questions or Step Up Scholarships- Please contact our Registrar, Michelle Maestas at mmaestas@fmcs-fl.com. Please be aware, questions related to your Step Up for Students award may

also be directed to a Step Up for Students representative through the Step Up website, at www.stepupforstudents.org .

If you have school-related concerns (academic or behavioral), please contact our Head of School, Mrs. Diane Winningham, at dwinningham@fmcs-fl.com

What time is the school day?

For elementary students (Full Day K4-5th grades), our school day is 8:15 a.m. -2:40 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Drop off begins at 8:00 a.m. and all students must be in their seats by 8:15 a.m. to start the school day. Any student that arrives after 8:15 a.m. will need to check-in at our front desk to receive a tardy slip. Dismissal begins at 2:40 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Any student that is not picked-up by 3:00 p.m. will be dismissed to after-care and families will be charged \$3 per hour per child for after-care services. Half-day VPK students are in school 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. There is no after-care for half-day VPK students.

K5-5th grades will start one hour later on Wednesdays, meaning drop off starts at 8:45 a.m. and students must be in their seats by 9:00 a.m. Our K4 students, full-day and half-day, will stick to the 8:15 start time all five days each week.

Middle School students' school day is 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Drop off begins at 7:45 a.m. and all students must be in their seats by 8:00 a.m. to start the school day. Any student that arrives after 8:00 a.m. will need to check-in at our front desk to receive a tardy slip. Dismissal begins at 3:00 p.m. for Middle School and ends by 3:15 p.m. Any student that is not picked-up by 3:15 p.m. will be dismissed to after-care and families will be charged \$3 per hour per child for after-care services.

Middle school students will also have a later start on Wednesdays, meaning they need to be in their seats by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Where do I drop-off/pick-up my child?

FMCS has three drop-off/pick-up zones. If you have more than one student in grades K4-5th grade, chose the zone of your youngest child. All middle school students will be dropped off and picked up at the Middle School zone.

Pink Zone-	Pre K- K	Facing Summerlin Rd in front of the Elementary building
Yellow Zone-	1st-5 th	Under the Portico behind the Elementary building
MS Zone-	6 th -8th	In Front of the Green Awning

Please review our new drop-off/pick-up map included in your school folder at Open House.

Do I need a parking drop-off/pick-up sign?

Yes, all cars are required to have a pick-up sign displayed on their dash. Any vehicle that does not have an FMCS Pick up sign will be required to park and check-in at the front office and provide a government-issued ID for pick-up authorization. If you choose to walk-up to our building to pick-up your child, please

be aware your child will NOT be released to your care without showing proof of your school-issued pick-up sign or ID. Also, please make sure that everyone who you want to pick up your child is listed on the 'Pick Up' List in FACTS/RenWeb. They will need to park and come inside with their government issued ID.

What if I need a new pick-up sign?

All Elementary families will be issued two car tags per family that will be provided at the orientation. Additional or replacement car tags may be purchased at the front Elementary desk for \$5.00 each.

Can I walk my child into school the first day? What about after the first day?

All parents and families are welcome to walk their child to class on the first day of school. After the first day of school, VPK students may be walked to class by a parent or guardian until the end of the first week of school. Kindergarten students may be walked to class for the first two days of school only. After the first day of school, all other students will be required to use the car line or be walked to our front doors by a parent or guardian. For security reasons, we do request that all students utilize our car line or practice saying good bye to parents at our front doors.

Please remember we have an "Open Door" policy to our parents and families. If you would like to spend more time at school with your child beyond drop-off and pick-up, we would LOVE for you to volunteer or join your child for Wednesday morning chapel services. Please ensure you have checked in the front of our buildings and are wearing a name tag.

Volunteering at School

There are many ways to volunteer at FMCS! Parents and immediate family (with an authorized background check) can coordinate with their child's teacher for regular or one-time volunteer opportunities in-classroom for in-school events; field trips; extracurricular activities; and whole-school productions and/or special events. Opportunities to volunteer for special events and projects will also be sent out via email throughout the year. We welcome family involvement and would love to share with you the many ways your family can partner with FMCS through volunteering this school year.

Do you provide before and after-care and what is the cost?

Yes, FMCS provides before and after-care for \$3 per hour per child. Care on normal operating school days does not require preregistration and can be utilized on a drop-in basis. Families can set up a debit system for care-related charges in their family FACTS accounts OR charges will be billed monthly to the student account.

Before-School Program (for Elementary and Middle school students): 7:00 am to 8:00 am or any portion thereof = \$3.00 per day per child *Located in the Elementary School Cafeteria (drop-off behind the Children's Center)

Elementary After School Program: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm = \$3.00 per hour or any portion thereof *Located in the Elementary School Cafeteria (pick-up behind the Children's Center)

Middle School Aftercare: 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm = \$3.00 per hour or any portion thereof *Located in the Elementary School Cafeteria (pick-up behind the Children's Center)

On Half-days of school and Teacher in-service days (when classes are not held but staff are required to be at school), childcare is provided but MUST be pre-registered for in advance. Half-day childcare for PK4 – 8th grade: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm or any portion thereof = \$20.00. No cafeteria service available on half-days. You must provide lunch for your child. On days we do not have school but do have childcare. \$20.00 half-day (8:00 - 12:00) or any portion thereof \$35.00 full day (8:00 – 6:00) or any portion thereof. A registration form is required prior to half day or full day Aftercare; deadlines will be given by the Aftercare Director. Please note: Aftercare closes at 6:00 p.m. and additional charges of \$1.00 per minute will begin at 6:01 p.m. Before and After-school program charges will be charged monthly to your account, separately from tuition costs. Monthly aftercare charges that are more than 15 days overdue are subject to a \$25.00 late fee each month. For more information please contact Aftercare Director, Amy Feliciano, afeliciano@fmcs-fl.com.

How do I register my child for aftercare for the FIRST day of school (which is a half-day)?

Please contact Amy Feliciano at afeliciano@fmcs-fl.com. in advance to the first day of school to pre-register your child.

Do I need to provide any school supplies?

Full-day VPK students (half-day VPK is exempt) are required to purchase a supply kit from the school. Kits can be purchased in-person at our New Family Sip n See and at the Elementary School Front Desk during Orientation.

Students in grades K5-5th grade will be provided with a school supply kit that was included in the cost of tuition. All student supplies will be provided by your child's teacher.

All you need to shop for is a full-sized backpack, reusable water bottle and a lunch box. Your teacher also may have a wish-list of additional items that they could use in their classroom and we appreciate any items you chose to provide.

Middle School students were provided with a Middle School Supply List. Please check the Eagle's Landing Parent Newsletter for this information, or call the school to request a copy to be emailed to you.

What uniform does my child wear?

FMCS Students can purchase their uniforms through Schoolbelles Uniform Company. A link to Schoolbelles is found on the FMCS website under the 'Current Families' tab. If you have any questions about your child's uniform, please contact our administration for clarification. Please also refer to our official dress code policy as outlined in Eagle's Landing Parent Newsletter, and our Student Handbook.

How do I order hot lunch for my child?

FMCS is contracted with Schooleatery, a company that utilizes our local restaurants for delivery of hot lunches to our campus each day. If you choose to order a hot lunch, you can do that via our FMCS website under the 'Current Families' tab. We will also provide opportunities to purchase healthy snacks for our Middle Schoolers, at multiple times each day.