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Registration

Families of new students can visit our site and complete the forms located here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3m7y3jae>

All parents should ensure their current address, email, and phone number are updated with the school. Updates to contact information and Emergency Contacts also needs to be made through our website, by completing the form, and uploading it here:

<https://tinyurl.com/mwzkux4u>

School Supplies

Teachers will share their supply lists on Canvas and/or on their syllabus on the first day of school. There is no overall school supply list, however students will be provided with a laptop (unless opted out) and it is suggested to have paper, pencil, and a folder.

If you are not able to provide school supplies and need support, please contact our school Social Worker at Devin.Callery@ocps.net

Bus Assignments

To be eligible to ride a public school bus, a student must reside two or more miles from their assigned school, be a participant in a designated Exceptional Education Program with an active Individual Education Plan (IEP) or an approved 504 Plan.

Beginning August 1, look up your student's bus route and stop times online at: <http://bit.ly/ocpfindmybus>

For additional assistance, please contact AskTransportation@ocps.net or 407-317-3807.

Immunizations

All student immunizations must be up-to-date to attend school in Orange County. The immunizations are recorded on a Florida Certification of

Immunization (DH 680) form, which can be obtained through the Orange County Health Department or your doctor's office. Parents/legal guardians can find additional information from the Orange County Health Department at 407-723-5004 or visit

https://www.ocps.net/departments/public_relations/publications/parent_guide/health_and_wellness/immunization_requirements

You may register for low-cost health insurance for your student at healthykids.org

Meals

OCPS is proud to provide all students at all school sites with all meals at NO COST!

Check out the menu for the first two weeks of school at: <https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/WinterSpringMiddleSchool>

Before & After Care

OCPS 6-8 Extended Day Programs

OCPS partners with the Orange County Government - Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC) and the City of Orlando to offer effective and sustainable afterschool programs. Objectives include increased academic performance and reduced truancy and absenteeism. Water Spring Middle School has an active YMCA program with before and after school care.

Please check <http://ymcacf.org/school> for school specific information and registration.



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Water Spring Middle School

17000 Water Spring Blvd

Winter Garden, FL 34787

407-993-7500

waterspring_ms@ocps.net

8:40 AM - 4:10 PM

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Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher is part of the Water Spring Middle School's open house, which will take place in late September or early October, during the evening hours. The date for this event will be provided on our website and social media once it has been determined.



Set Goals

Talk with your child about the grade level or courses they are enrolled in for this year.

Set achievable goals for each subject area.

It's important that students hear from a parent or trusted adult that they are expected to complete their homework, turn in assignments on time, follow the student code of conduct and make good choices.



Academic Progress

Parents have an important role in monitoring their child's academic progress. Student grades, missing assignments and assessment scores can be viewed on the OCPS Parent Portal in the Skyward Family Access and Canvas Parent apps at

<https://parents.classlink.com/ocps>



Consent Forms

During the first two weeks of school, parents or guardians must indicate if they consent to OCPS using their child's image, sharing their child's information, providing their child with health services and their child's use of technology! To complete consent forms, log on to the OCPS Parent Portal from a laptop/computer and click on the Skyward Family Access app.



Communication

TalkingPoints

New for 2023-24, schools will be using text messaging to allow you to connect and chat directly with school staff and teachers in your preferred language. Watch for an email from TalkingPoints at the beginning of the school year.

Connect Orange

Updates and announcements from the school or district will be sent through phone and email. Opt-in to OCPS text messages by texting "Y" to 68453



Citizenship

Citizenship starts at home. The state standards for Florida aim to build a culture of resilience, including the following traits:

Grit | Perseverance | Gratitude | Personal Responsibility | Volunteerism | Critical Thinking | Problem-solving | Empathy | Citizenship | Honesty

Students are expected to demonstrate the above traits. When they do not, consequences are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, available at codeofconduct.ocps.net

Talk to your student about resiliency and your expectations for their conduct at school.

For access to helpful district information year-round, bookmark:

The OCPS Parent Guide:
parentsandstudents.ocps.net

The OCPS Families YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ocpsfamilies>



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