

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Where is Wolfe Street Academy located?
245 S Wolfe Street, on S Wolfe St. between E Pratt and Gough Streets.
2. Who are some of the people I might need to contact?
Mark Gaither – Principal.....cgaither@bcps.k12.md.us
Lupita Rodriguez – Secretary.....lrodiguez@bcps.k12.md.us
Yanina Chicas – ESOL Liaison.....sychicasRivas@bcps.k12.md.us
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Leah Beachley – Out of School Time Directorlbeachley@baltimorecp.org
Calcy Joyner – Out of School Time Assistant Director.....cjoyner@baltimorecp.org
3. What is the school telephone number?
(410) 396-9140
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4. What is the suggested school uniform?
Navy Blue shirt (t-shirts are okay but no logos)
Khaki/Tan pants, shorts or skirts (all shorts and skirts must come below the fingertips)
5. Where can we get the school uniform?
The uniform can be purchased from any store, such as Target.
The school also sells Wolfe Street T-Shirts in most sizes. Please see Ms. Chicas to buy.
6. **What is the first day of school?**
Monday, August 29, 2022
7. **What time does school start?**
Doors open for breakfast in the cafeteria at 7:15 AM.
Students will go to class with their teachers at 7:45 AM.
8. **What time is my child considered late?**
8:00 AM
9. **What time does school end?**
Classes end at 2:25 PM. Students are dismissed between 2:25 PM and 2:35 PM.
10. How are you keeping the community safe from COVID?
 - a. We are encouraging all eligible members of the community (anyone 12 or older) to get their COVID 19 vaccination.
 - b. We are limiting large gatherings asking that no more than one parent join our Morning Meeting at 7:35 AM each morning.
 - c. We are asking that all members of the community wear masks during Morning Meeting unless they are actively eating. We are also encouraging members of the community to wear masks on school property except for eating meals or playing outside where ventilation is very good and more distance can be kept.
 - d. Cleaning and sanitation supplies will be available and used at all times.

11. Am I welcome to come to the school as a parent?

Yes! No more than one parent is welcome to join us any morning during our Morning Meeting in the cafeteria at 7:35 AM. The office staff will be available to assist you with quick items in the morning but if you have a more complex issue, please make an appointment.

- a. We encourage everyone to wear a mask while in the school.
- b. All visitors must check in at the office, sign in, and receive a pass.
- c. All classrooms will be called to verify that it is a good time to visit the classroom.
- d. Parents are to only observe in the classroom not interacting with students or teachers during instruction.

Parents are always welcome to schedule specific appointments with teachers to conference about their child's learning.

12. Where do I bring my child for the start of the day?

All students enter the building through the cafeteria door on the Gough Street side of the building until 8:00 AM. At 8:00 children must come to the main office to receive a late pass.

13. Where do I pick up my child at the end of the day?

- a. Pre-Kindergarten students are dismissed from the back door at the corner of Gough and S. Ann Streets through the garden.
- b. Kindergarten students are dismissed from emergency doors on S. Chapel Street.
- c. First grade students are dismissed from the main doors on Wolfe Street.
- d. Second grade students are dismissed from cafeteria door on Wolfe Street
- e. Third grade students are dismissed from the emergency exit doors on Wolfe Street.
- f. Fourth grade and fifth grade students are dismissed from the cafeteria door on Gough Street.

14. If I have a problem or if I think something is really great, who should I talk to?

All the adults at Wolfe Street Academy are here to help you and your child have a successful educational experience. Feel free to talk with any of them about both concerns and joys.

15. Do you have an After-School Program?

We will have an after-school program. Enrollment will be based on a lottery process for students in K through 5th grade. If you turned in an application for after school last year or when you registered your child, you do not need to do anything else. Applications will be made available again in the first weeks of school.

15. Is there a Parent Organization?

Yes. There is an active Parent Organization that will be holding meeting throughout the year with opportunities to volunteer and help. The first meeting of the PTO will be held in September.

16. What Important Dates Do I Need to Remember?

- a. Wednesday, August 24, 2022: 5:30 PM – New Family Orientation
- b. Friday, August 26, 2022: 12:45 PM – 2:15 PM – Meet Your Teacher Opportunity
- c. Monday, August 29, 2022: First Day of School – Doors open at 7:15 AM, Students are late at 8:00 AM.
- d. Monday, September 5, 2022: Labor Day Holiday, School is Closed