



FALCON Q & A

Q: How do I know if we are zoned for the new Audubon Park School K-8?

A: There are zoning maps available at www.audubonparkschoolptsa.org. You can also go to www.ocps.net, click Enrollment, click Find My School, and enter your address. If you have any difficulty, feel free to contact amber.thomas@ocps.net for clarification or assistance.

Q: Do I have to register my child again for the 2018-19 school year?

A: If your child is in an OCPS school now and zoned to go to APS then their files will automatically transfer. If your child is not currently enrolled in an OCPS school, you will need to register your student. If your child is an OCPS school and your address has recently changed, you need to provide your current school with updated Proof of Residency documentation and also register your child with APS.

Q: How/when do I register my student?

A: Registration is open and we would appreciate you complete the process as soon as possible so that we can plan properly for our incoming students. Emmanuel Episcopal Church (1603 Winter Park Road, directly across from the school) has graciously offered their community room to assist us with this process on the following dates:

Kindergarten Registration is April 28 from 9:00am-12noon

All Grades K-8 can register: April 17, April 24th, May 8th, May 15 from 9:00am-12noon at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Registration documents can be found at registration.ocps.net. Please use the 2018-19 link. Paper copies can be picked up from Emmanuel Episcopal Church beginning Monday, April 9.

You can also contact amber.thomas@ocps.net to set up an appointment to register at any time that is convenient for you.

Q: What are the school hours?

A: We will operate on the OCPS elementary schedule with an 8:45am-3pm school day.

Q: Will there be an opportunity for Extended Day?

A: Yes, APS will offer an Extended Day program on our campus, 7:00am-6:00pm.

Q: When can I sign up for Extended Day?

A: Documents to register for Extended Day will be available on all of the registration dates (April 17, April 24, April 28 (KG), May 8. They will also be available in the front office of Emmanuel Episcopal Church beginning Monday, April 9.

Q: What specials will be offered for the elementary aged students?

A: Music, PE & Art. There will also be club opportunities after school, so please let us know if your students have particular interests for those.

Q: Will all grades have recess?

A: ALL elementary level grades will have recess daily.

Q: What electives will be offered for the middle school students?

A: Middle school students will choose two of the following: Orchestra, Band, Spanish, Art, Theatre, PE & Technology

Q: When will my middle school student be able to choose their electives?

A: If your middle school student has not yet completed the Elective Selection form, please email amber.thomas@ocps.net for a copy. If you have not yet registered your middle school student, the Elective Selection form will be provided for your student to complete during the registration process.

Q: What safety provisions will be in place for the new campus?

A: There will be a 6ft fence around the entire property. In addition, all entry points require an employee ID badge that scans the door for entry. The front office door is protected by a video door bell and requires visitors to be “buzzed in” before entering the office and again before accessing the door to the main building.

Q: Will there be a school resource officer?

A: Yes, an Orlando Police Department Officer will be on campus daily.

Q: My student has an IEP. Will I need to do anything to get this transferred?

A: No. If you have any questions regarding your student’s IEP or services at APS, please contact destiny.pacha@ocps.net.

Q: Will you offer gifted services?

A: Yes, definitely. All elementary teachers at APS will be gifted certified or working toward their endorsement. APS will embrace all students and accelerate and enrich learning on an individualized basis. We are calling the program S.O.A.R. (Student Opportunities for Acceleration and Rigor). There will be a block of time in every APS student’s day called Falcon Time. In the primary grades, this block of time is around 45 minutes. Our goal is for students needing acceleration and enrichment to spend this time with a gifted resource teacher that will expand and guide the students in exploring the standards through project-based learning opportunities. Instruction in the core subject areas will also occur in carefully designed academic groupings.

In the intermediate grades, in addition to a gifted endorsed teaching staff, individualized academic groupings, and enrichment opportunities during the daily Falcon Time block, a gifted resource teacher will also be co-teaching in some of their classrooms to enhance the lessons and accelerate individual needs.

In Middle School, all gifted students will have at least one core subject area teacher who is gifted endorsed or working toward the endorsement. They will also have a block of Falcon Time with opportunities for students to participate in collaborative learning experiences, community service projects, and interest-based activities. Honors classes will be offered for all core subjects and High School level classes will be offered for Algebra, Geometry, Earth/Space Science, Physical Science, Spanish, and Technology.

Q: Will there be school news crew?

A: Yes, school news crew will include interested 8th graders. It will be live for all students to watch daily.

Q: What grades will have the opportunity to be a safety patrol?

A: 5th grade

Q: Will I need to get my student laptop / device?

A: OCPS will be providing every middle school student with a laptop / device next year. In 2018-19, elementary students can bring their own devices to school. In 2019-20, all students in grades K-5 will be provided with an OCPS laptop / device for use at school.

Q: Will there be a PTSA?

A: Yes, we will have a PTSA. Please visit www.audubonparkptsa.org to learn more. While you are there, please like our Facebook page and complete the Interest Form if you are interested in helping to set tradition in this inaugural year.

Q: Will there be a fund?

A: Yes, the Falcon Fund will continue to be a valuable asset in helping to fund special school needs as they arise. We will looking for creative people to offer their time, talent and resources. This is a great way to connect with like-minded parents for the benefit of our APS family.

Q: Will there be a school nurse?

A: Yes, definitely.

Q: How can I get involved?

A: We welcome and encourage all parents to be involved. Please visit www.audubonparkschoolptsa.org to learn more and to submit a form to let us know about your interests & experiences. There is also a Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram page for Audubon Park School. Stay tuned for the official OCPS Audubon Park School webpage.