



DELPHI ACADEMY[®] *of Florida*

Award Winning Private School in Clearwater, FL

Orientation 2024/2025 School Year



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Welcome!



We are proud to welcome you to the Delphi Academy of Florida 2024/2025 School Year!

This school year we are excited to join together with you in our mission "To make a better world by graduating young leaders who work for the greater good by creating the life they want to live and the world they want to live it in".

In a lively campus environment, Delphi students are given highly personalized attention from instructors, and a focus on demonstrated competence rather than time spent in class or memorization of facts. As a part of a student body that takes a highly active role in all school activities, each will learn their own lessons about responsibility, integrity and leadership. All of these ingredients come together to make a rich and rewarding launch into life.

Students often consider Delphi quite a challenge, but a great deal of fun can be had amidst hard work and honest camaraderie. When this is combined with the practice and expectation of thinking for oneself and being fully responsible for one's success and failures, the stage is set for an extraordinary educational experience. Here is to another great year at Delphi Academy of Florida!

Sincerely,

The Delphi Florida Team

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2024-2025 Delphi Florida School Schedule and Events Calendar

Key:

- Delphi Parent Organization (DPO) Event
- Summer Camp
- School Closed
- School Event

July/August						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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- July/August**
- 29-9 Summer Break (School Closed)
 - 9 Preschool Orientation
 - 12 First Day of School for the 24/25 School Year
 - 16 All School Student Assembly and Orientation
 - 20 Lower, Elementary, & Middle School Orientation
 - 22 High School Orientation
 - 30 Student Council Volleyball Night

September 2024						
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- September**
- 2 Labor Day (School Closed)
 - 5 Lower School Assembly
 - 6 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 13 DPO Launch and Meet & Greet
 - 20 Student Council Scavenger Hunt
 - 26-27 Picture Day
 - 27 DPO Game Night

October 2024						
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- October**
- 3 Lower School Assembly
 - 4 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 7 DPO Poinsettia Fundraiser Kick-Off
 - 11 Student Council Open Mic Night
 - 14 Staff Professional Development (School Closed)
 - 16 US Geography Fair & ES History Fair
 - 18 Student Council Halloween Movie (Form 1-Form 4)
 - 18 DPO Poinsettia Orders Deadline
 - 25 Student Council Halloween Dance
 - 25 DPO Trunk or Treat
 - 28-1 Delphi Spirit Week
 - 31 School Halloween Parties

November 2024						
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- November**
- 1 Student Council Kickball Night
 - 4-15 Schoolwide Food Drive
 - 6 Picture Relate Day
 - 7 Lower School Assembly
 - 8 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 8-9 High School Play
 - 16 Casino Night
 - 21-22 DPO Poinsettia Delivery and Pick Up
 - 25-29 Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)

December 2024						
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- December**
- 5 Lower School Assembly
 - 6 Spelling Bee (Form 3-Form 5)
 - 6 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 6 Student Council Holiday Movie Night
 - 9-20 DPO Glimming Tree Project
 - 13 DPO Holiday Party
 - 13 Preschool Holiday Show
 - 19 Lower School Holiday Show
 - 20 Elementary, Middle & High School Holiday Show
 - 23-3 Winter Break (School Closed)

January 2025						
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- January**
- 3 Last Day of Winter Break (School Closed)
 - 6 Re-Enrollment Begins
 - 9 Lower School Assembly
 - 17 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 17 Student Council Video Game Night
 - 20 Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)
 - 23 Classroom Group Picture Day
 - 27-31 Kindness Challenge Week
 - 31 Re-Enrollment Deadline

February 2025						
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- February**
- 6 Lower School Assembly
 - 7 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 8 DPO Delphi Carnival
 - 14 Valentine's Day Events
 - 14 DPO Valentine's Day Staff Appreciation Brunch
 - 17 Presidents' Day (School Closed)
 - 28 Student Council Lock-in

March 2025						
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- March**
- 6 Lower School Assembly
 - 7 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 8 Fun Run
 - 17-21 Spring Break (School Closed)
 - 28 Student Council Water Night

April 2025						
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- April**
- 3-5 Spring Show
 - 3 Lower School Assembly
 - 4 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 15-17 Standardized Testing
 - 19 Delphi Gala
 - 25 Green & Gold Award Application Deadline
 - 30 Green & Gold Award Lunch

May 2025						
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- May**
- 3 Prom
 - 5-9 DPO Staff Appreciation Week
 - 8 Lower School Assembly
 - 9 Preschool Mother's Day Tea
 - 9 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
 - 9 DPO Mother's Day Tea (Lower School)
 - 18 DPO Pool Party Tentative date
 - 19-23 Senior Week
 - 26 Memorial Day (School Closed)

June 2025						
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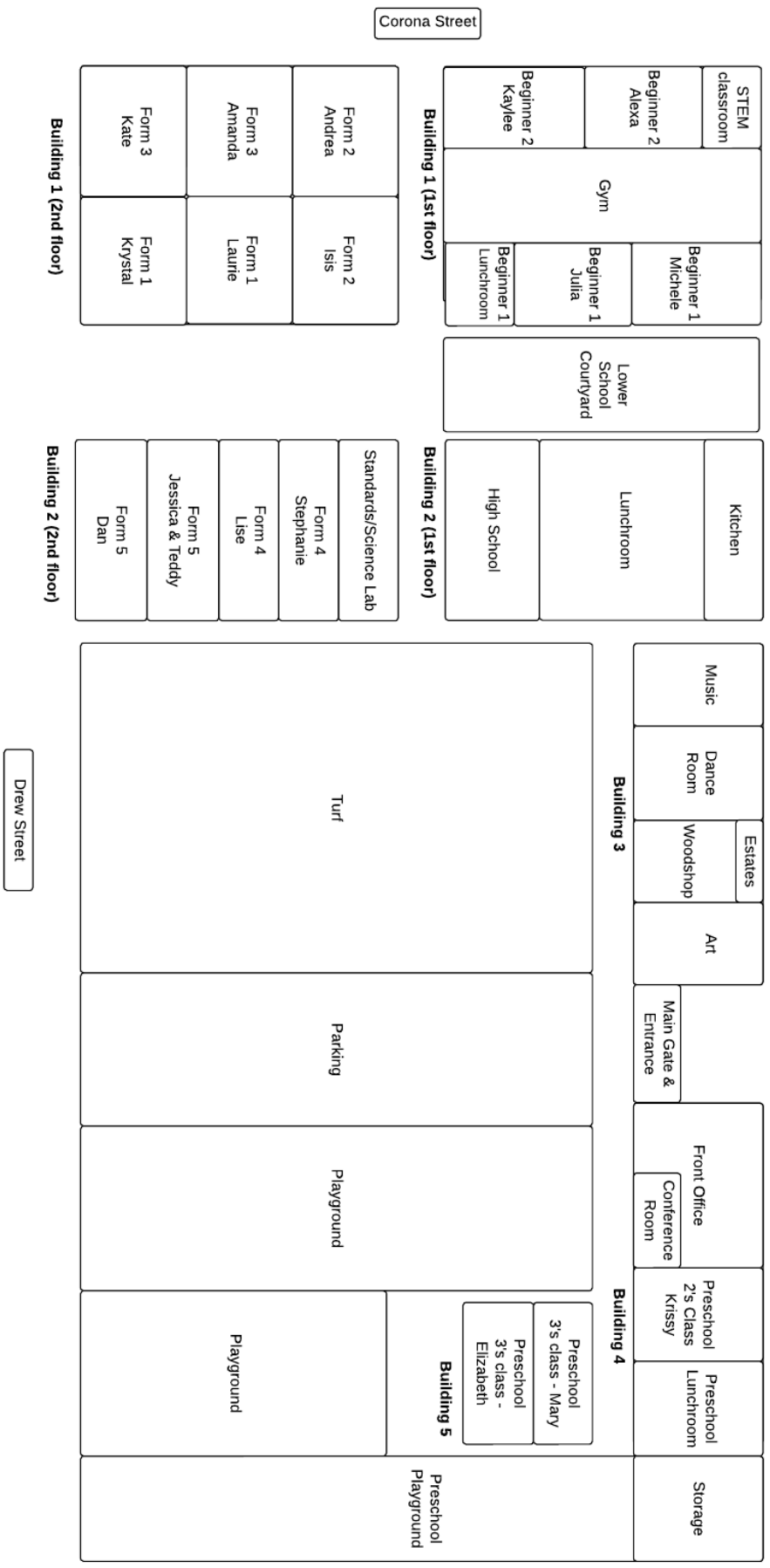
- June**
- 4 Preschool & Lower School Awards Ceremonies
 - 5 Elementary & Middle School Awards Ceremony
 - 5 High School Awards Ceremony & Commencement
 - 5 Last Day of School
 - 6 School Closed
 - 9-13 Summer Break (School Closed)
 - 16-30 Summer Camp

July/August 2025						
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- July/August**
- 1-25 Summer Camp
 - 4 4th of July (School Closed)
 - 28-8 School Closed

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Corona Street

Orion Street

Draw Street

Starting the Day!

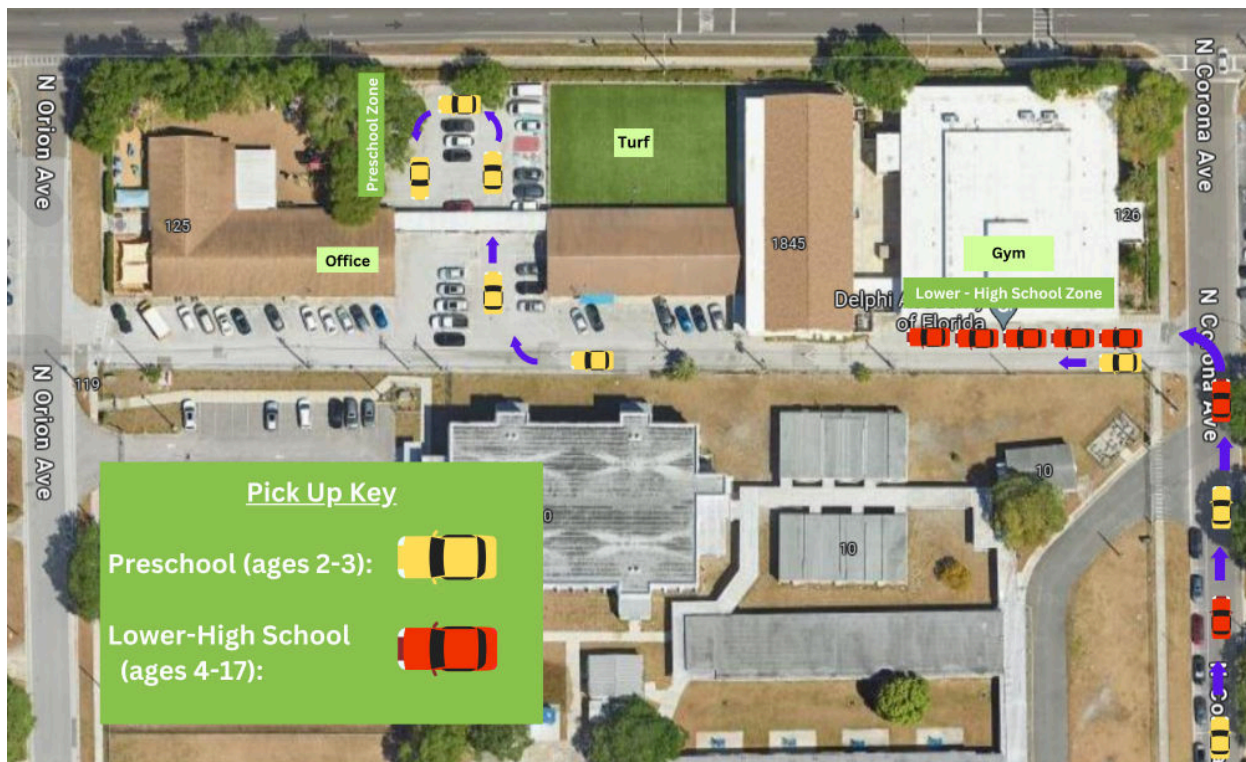


We begin each day, in every class with a morning orientation to the day. This is where we talk about how the day will go, get ready to learn and even set personal goals for the day! This is the MOST important time for every child, Preschool thru High School - so don't be late! **Students should arrive to school in time for their morning roll call at 9:00 a.m.**

Daily Drop Off/Pick UP Line Map

Ages 4 to 17 (Beginner 1 - High School) will be dropped off/picked up at the location in **RED** behind our Gym. Preschool (ages 2 & 3) is in front of the School Office in **YELLOW**.

Our pickup line runs down Corona Street, not Drew Street. It is important that we **do not block Drew Street** with our pickup line:



Morning Drop Off

- **The drop off line is open from 8:30 a.m. - 8:59 a.m.**
- **Late drop off** - Students being dropped off after 9:00 a.m. must come to the office with a parent to sign in. If the student is in Beginner 1, Beginner 2 or Form 1, the parent will need to wait with him/her until a designated staff member takes them to class. All other students may go to their classroom independently.

Afternoon Pick Up

- **Pickup time is from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.** During this time our pick up line will be open, using the DashPass app (set up and instructions included on the following page).
- **Early pick up** must be arranged through your child's teacher **24 hours** in advance. You will need to sign your child out at the *Main Office* and then pick them up directly from their classroom or meet them at Reception.
- **Authorized pick up people** - In order for the school to be able to release students to non-parents, parents must submit their list of authorized pickup people at the time of enrollment. If you would like to see who you have currently authorized to pick up your child, go to your parent portal (delphifl.myschoolapp.com) under your child's "contact card". If you would like to make any changes or additions to who has permission to pick up your child, email delphireception@delphifl.org
- **Late pick up** Students who are not picked up by 5:15 p.m. will need to be picked up from the *Main Office*, and a late pickup fee of \$10 will be billed for up to 15 minutes late and \$10 for every 15 minutes after that.



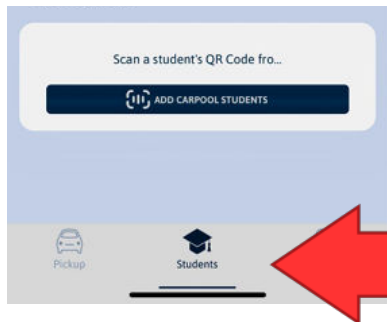
To make the student pickup line fast and convenient for parents, we use the **DashPass App** during our pickup from 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (for Beginner 1 - High School Students). Set up your DashPass using the instructions below.

DASHPASS - First Time Setup

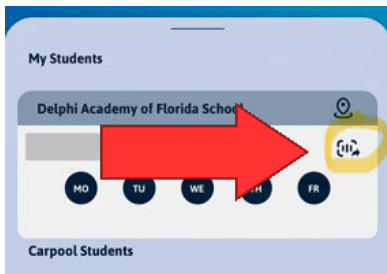
- You will receive an email from DashPass inviting you to download and log in. Please check the spam folder if you do not see it right away. Contact delphireception@delphifl.org with any questions.
- Follow the instructions in the email invitation to set up your DashPass Account.
- DashPass is now ready to use! When you are on your way to pick up your child(ren), **open the DashPass App** and select the child/children you are picking up and leave the app open on your phone. Once your vehicle enters our pick up vicinity, pickup staff will be automatically alerted and prepare your child to be picked up when you pull up.
- Please contact Reception if you have any issues with the sign in procedure. Delphi Reception: (727) 447-6385 or delphireception@delphifl.org

DASHPASS - Adding Additional Drivers

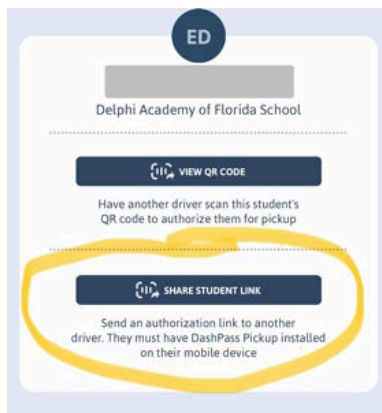
- If you would like a non-parent to pick up your child using the pick up line and Dashpass, you will need to add them to your account.



1. Open your DashPass app on your phone and tap the **Students Tab** at the bottom of your screen to open **My Students**.



2. Under the location symbol on the right of the student card, tap the **symbol with lines & arrow** to open **Manage Students**.



3. Tap **SHARE STUDENT LINK**.

- Email the link to the person you want to add as a Driver.
- The Driver will then receive an email with the link. The Driver clicks on the link and **APPROVES** the request.
- Next the Parent will receive an email with a request from the Driver. The Parent must tap **ACCEPT** to add as an additional driver.
- Once the Parent accepts the request the Driver is added to DashPass.

How Parents Can Access the campus during school hours

The Delphi campus can be accessed through the School Main Office. Please sign in and obtain your visitor badge before leaving the office.

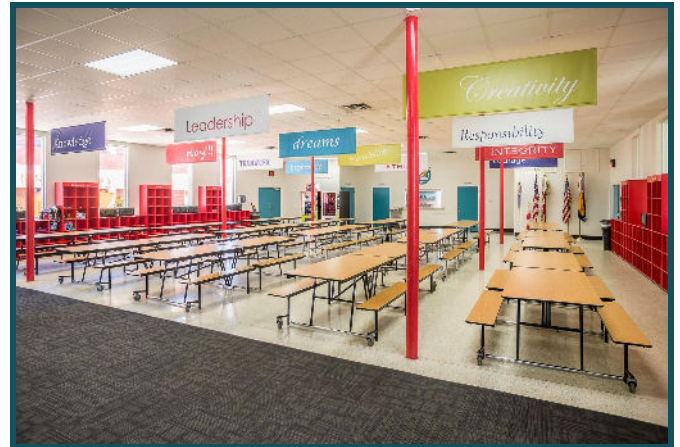
What to Bring to School

Lunch/Snacks: You will need to provide daily lunch and two snacks for your child. The lunchroom and some classrooms have microwaves available for heating up food. Send cutlery if needed, along with any needed condiments, such as ketchup, for their meals and a filled water bottle.

We are excited to promote a healthy lifestyle here at Delphi and encourage you to send lots of fresh fruits, veggies, nuts, cheeses and other proteins.

We do ask that you send foods with a low or no sugar content. It can be hard at times to figure out new foods but our teachers have great suggestions! Please reach out to them at any time for new ideas.

Personal Items: Please limit personal items to lunchboxes, water bottles, outerwear and a backpack (if desired). If your child's teacher sends homework or books to read, this should come back the following day. Please leave toys and personal belongings at home!



Lunchtime

Food Service Program (available for students in Form 1 - High School)

This is a *GREAT* option if you are not able to pack a lunch for your child. Our student-run Food Services Program will start a few weeks after school has started, and the updated menu will be shared at that time. Here are the instructions for ordering through CashApp.

How to Order from Delphi Food Services:

1. On the menu, find the LETTER(S) and NUMBER next to the food item (ex. M1 (Monday, choice #1), Th4 (Thursday, choice #4))
2. Through CashApp, send \$DelphiStudentCouncil the amount needed and write in the "for" section the Letter-Number combination, the student's name, and the form he or she is in. (ex. M1 Billy Bob Form 4)
3. Orders must be submitted by 9:05 a.m.

Outside Food Delivery rules (no Uber Eats, Doordash or other delivery services allowed)

Outside food delivery is allowed by our **APPROVED** restaurants only. This is due to security issues, to prevent so many random drivers from food delivery services like Uber Eats accessing our campus. The following approved restaurants are known and are currently working with us, so food can be sent from them only. Unknown drivers will not be permitted access to our campus. If lunch is forgotten at home, you can drop it off at the main office. All food must be dropped off prior to the lunch period so that it can be eaten prior to afternoon classes.

APPROVED LUNCH DELIVERY RESTAURANTS:

Joe's Deli & Grill

joesdeliandgrill@gmail.com (order online and can set delivery time!)

727-466-0502

Manos Bakery

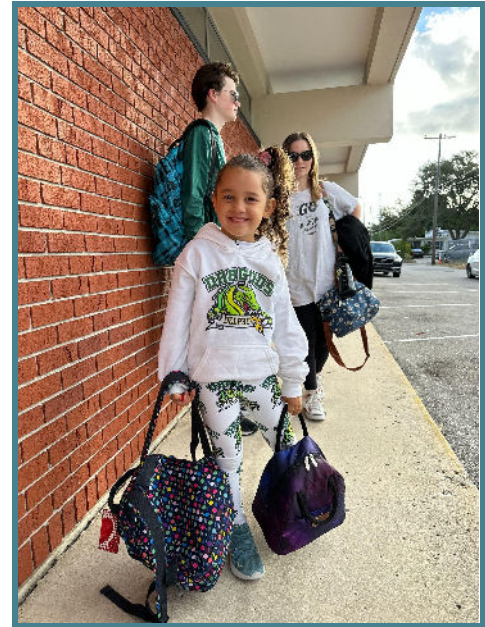
727-614-9748 (must call to order - use THEIR driver)

Leaving Campus for Lunch

High School students on Junior and Senior programs may leave campus for lunch if they have a permission slip from their parents, and must sign out & back into campus through the main office. Any student involved in a disciplinary situation will have this privilege revoked. Students wishing to drive other High School students, or be passengers of other students, must complete the Student Driver waiver and permission paperwork in the office.

Attendance & Lateness

Our school day begins at 9:00 a.m. Arriving at school daily, and on time, is crucial to the success of your child's education. As Delphi Academy is a licensed Florida State School we are subject to satisfying the attendance requirements of Florida law.



Tardiness is defined as any student that has missed a roll call. Morning roll call is at 9:00 a.m. In Form 3 and above, students will also be marked tardy if they arrive at any instructional or practical slot late throughout the day. For every 3 days of tardiness for the morning roll call, the student will obtain 1 unexcused absence, however there are instances where a tardy is excused.

Absences are any student missing from one half of the school instructional day. Additionally, specific to Middle and High School, those who miss one full study period per day will be marked absent for that period.

Excused tardiness/absence are as follows:

- The student is ill, suspected of having an infestation or communicable disease or has suffered an injury
- The student has a major illness or medical situation in their immediate family
- The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment (arranged with the teacher)
- A death in the family
- College visitation approved and coordinated with the teacher
- Religious holiday in the student's own faith

Unexcused tardiness/absence are as follows:

- Oversleeping or "needing more sleep"
- Car or transportation problem including traffic
- Stopping for gas or picking up items
- Returning home for forgotten items
- Parent work conference or work call
- Dropping off other household members (siblings, etc.)
- Attendance at a special event or volunteerism not approved at least one week ahead of time by the School Director and Assistant Head of School
- Any non-holiday related religious event not approved at least one week ahead of time by the School Director and Assistant Head of School. Not to exceed 2 days. This time off can only be approved for students on target within the full Delphi program
- Vacations or days off for pleasure or family events
- Birthdays

Students are responsible for coordinating with their teacher(s) to make up any work missed due to tardiness/absences. This may include attending study hall, missing a field trip or doing extra homework. After 5 days of absence due to illness during a single report card period, a doctor's note must be provided.

Parents are expected to let the school know by 9:30 a.m. if their child will be absent and the reason for the absence. If an absence is not reported, it will automatically be considered unexcused.

Habitual Absences or Tardies:

Excessive absences or tardiness for any reason will delay the progress of your child within the Delphi program. Any student who falls behind 30 days or more on their program will not be eligible for automatic re-enrollment into the next

school year without a provisional enrollment agreement that includes a solution and handling of all academic areas and a prevention plan of attendance/tardiness issues.

After 3 unexcused tardies or unexcused absences, parents will be requested to come in for a meeting with their child's teacher to determine a solution. If lateness persists after this meeting and/or a total of 6 unexcused tardies or absences have accrued, a meeting with the School Director or Dean will be requested. This applies to all students in Beginner 1 on up through High School.

After 15 unexcused tardies or absences within 90 days a student will be suspended and not permitted to return until the parent and school are aligned on attendance. If unexcused tardies continue, the parent may be asked to seek another academic environment.

Truancy: Florida law defines truant as a student who has 15 or more unexcused absences within a 90 calendar day period. Students must attend a minimum of 170 school days per year. This applies to all children who are of an age where school is required by state law starting in Kindergarten through High School. Students 14-18 years of age who have 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days and have a Florida driver's license, will have their driver's license suspended by the Division of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or will not be issued a license if they apply for one. (Section 322.091, F.S.)

Early Sign Out

Early sign out follows the same rules above on excused and unexcused absences & tardies. Students leaving prior to the end of the school day at 4:45 p.m. must have their parent/guardian request this release in person, phone or in writing to your child's teacher who will forward it to the appropriate school administrator for pre-approval. Students leaving early for

medical appointments and not returning back to school must let the main teacher know 24 hours prior.

Students who elect to leave early to attend outside enrichment activities/clubs from the ones provided at Delphi Florida (i.e. sports teams, part-time jobs, internships, religious pursuits, etc.) are required to complete the Outside Enrichment Approval form prior to early departure. This form provides a necessary and standardized record of the activity for the student's program and allows for needed coordination between the activity, family, and school.

Our Amazing Staff & Staff List

We have very well qualified teachers that will be working with your family while your child is enrolled. They are available to speak with you if you have any questions. You can contact them at any time, but remember that they are with the students and may not be able to answer you immediately. Teachers do not take or answer calls, texts or email while teaching or supervising their class. Teachers do have time set aside during their workday where they are not teaching and can respond to you. Teachers should only be contacted during school hours and communications will be answered within 24 hours.

If you need immediate assistance you can always contact the school office at (727) 447-6385, extension 200.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE			
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Saints Sports		Required PE Classes	
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School Announcements - Stay Updated & Involved!

Delphi Academy of Florida uses "all school" emails and Facebook to keep our parents up to date on announcements, updates, and school happenings! If at any point you would like to add or change email addresses for our all school announcements, contact delphireception@delphifl.org.

Parent/Teacher Communication will come to you either via email or text, depending on the teacher who will be in touch with you at the start of the year.

Follow our school Facebook page [Delphi Academy of Florida](#) (facebook.com/DelphiFL) for general school announcements, updates and happenings!

Private FB Groups:

Delphi Parent Organization (DPO)

(facebook.com/groups/delphifl) - This is a group for our Parent Organization, to keep up to date on volunteer opportunities & events.



Delphi Florida Preschool

(facebook.com/groups/delhipreschool)

Delphi Florida Lower School (Beginner 1 - Form 2)

(facebook.com/groups/delphilowerschool) - This is a group for parents of students in Beginner 1 & 2, and Form 1 & 2

Delphi Florida Elementary School (Form 3 & 4)

(facebook.com/groups/2162425267312994)

Delphi Florida Upper School (Middle & High School) ([Facebook.com/groups/delphiupperschool](https://facebook.com/groups/delphiupperschool))



Delphi Academy of Florida Alumni

(facebook.com/groups/181493219140829) -

Delphi Graduates are encouraged to join our Delphi Alumni page.

Ideal Delphi of Florida (facebook.com/groups/539000201275042)

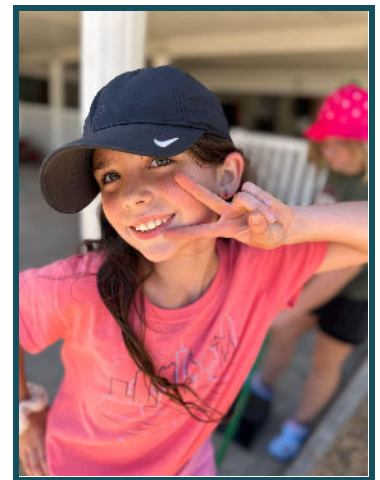
All parents and friends of Delphi Florida are invited to join the Ideal Delphi of Florida facebook page to see the latest news on our Ideal Campus Project led by our Development Committee.

Teamwork

A very important aspect of being a part of the Delphi Community is teamwork and communication between the parent, school and child to best help a child succeed. On occasion your family may experience what could be referred to as “weathering a storm”, where a child may run into something challenging at school or in life. We like to take this as a learning opportunity for the child. This is when the parent, teacher, student team must be stronger than ever and is needed the most.



Our dedicated team is here to help you and your children through any rough “weather” and get everyone back to sunny skies. If such should occur, contact your child’s teacher first as she/he has the best understanding of what might be occurring. If you need additional help, your School Director or Dean can also assist. The fastest approach to any concern or challenge is directly with the school. We are here to help your children in every way.



Student Dress Code

At Delphi we believe that your dress is a communication. It is often one of the first communications we extend from ourselves, as individuals to others and is often a manners point. For example, it would not be good manners if you wore a swimsuit to a formal wedding. At our school we strive to have our student body reflect the high standards of Delphi itself. This is in no way an attempt to limit a student’s ability to express themselves but to have a median in a sea of viewpoints on appropriate dress. As our main focus at Delphi is to

educate, we have put together the following dress code that we feel is a happy medium to all those enrolled from Beginner 1 through High School. The school's Dress Code Committee meets regularly to review current trends and issue guidelines to help clarify current standards, which are as follows:

HAIR

- Hair should be kept neat, clean and well trimmed.
- If hair is longer it must be worn in a bun or style that does not cover the eyes.
- Hair color should be natural. Temporary hair color can be used on occasion.

HEADWEAR

- Hats, caps, beanies and bandanas should not be worn inside the building.

CLOTHING

- Clothing should be appropriate for school and its activities. (Costumes, sleepwear, see through, sheer, mesh, etc. should not be worn.)
- Clothing should be neat, clean and in good repair.
- No clothing is to be adorned with logos or words that promote messages inappropriate for school or children.
- PE clothing should be appropriate and non revealing, too tight, too short or in any way distract from the class.
- All clothing should fit and not result in undergarments being outlined or seen.

Tops:

- Tops should be such that it does not show bare midriffs, underwear or chest/cleavage. This includes PE wear.

- Tops should not be strapless or have draping arm holes that expose undergarments. Tank top straps should be at least 1 ½ inches thick.
- Tops should not cover the bottom hem of your shorts so as to look like you are just wearing a shirt.

Shorts/Skirts:

- Skirts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee and not be shorter than where your hand falls naturally at your side. Shorts should be close to at least a 3.5 inch inseam and should NEVER expose private body parts or be suggestive in nature. Shorter skirts and dresses may be worn with tights that are not see through or with leggings. No spandex shorts with the exception of sports may be worn and then only be worn during that sport or practice and should be long enough as to not resemble underwear.

Pants:

- Sweatpants are not allowed but athleisure joggers are permitted **see Photo A** for the difference.
- No PJ or sleepwear bottoms.
- Distressed jeans are fine but without obvious holes, **see Photo B** for example.
- Leggings may be worn only with a shirt that otherwise covers the crotch of the leggings. **See photo C** for example.

SPECIALTY CLOTHING

If a student has an activity to attend that requires specialty clothing which falls outside of the Dress Code parameters (such as sportswear, dance clothing, costumes, etc.), the student would attend school in their Dress Code attire and change into their specialty clothing for the duration of the activity.

SHOES

Shoes must be worn at all times on campus. Shoes should be appropriate for school and all its activities. Any type of footwear that limits a student's ability to easily climb stairs or run should not be worn. Dress shoes and modest heels are appropriate for Professional Dress Day.

ACCESSORIES AND GROOMING

- Earrings may be worn that do not inhibit movement or pose potential for harm during school activities.
- Face piercings, ear lobe gauges, tongue, or lip piercings are not allowed to be worn or visible at school.
- No visible tattoos are allowed.

All students are expected to come to school clean, and free of body odor. Middle School and High School girls are allowed to wear light, day make-up. Out of courtesy to others, strong fragrances should not be worn.

Additional Dress Code Requirements for Middle/High School

- Facial hair must be well groomed and cared for.

PROFESSIONAL DRESS DAY

To help prepare our students for the career world, every Friday is Professional Dress Day for students in Form 5 and up. The older the student, the more closely we expect the following guidelines to be followed. We have a cool weather period and a warm weather period.

COOL WEATHER

The cool weather period runs from the first Friday after Thanksgiving until the Friday prior to Spring Break.

Boys:

- Dress slacks with the pants belted.
- Dress style shirt and tie.
- A sport coat or suit is optional but certainly in line with dressing professionally.
- Dress shoes (not athletic shoes) should be worn with appropriate dress socks (not gym or ankle socks).

Girls:

- Professional dresses that meet length requirements as above. Bodycon dresses are not professional dress.
- Dress slacks or skirts.
- Dress shirt.
- Shoes should be of modest heel (1-2" for Middle School students and up to 3.5" for High School students) and be sturdy enough to be walked in easily.

WARM WEATHER

The warm weather period runs from the first Friday after Spring Break until the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.

Boys: A boy's outfit would be both smart and neat with a polo shirt or short sleeve button down shirt without a tie and tailored shorts (not denim or beach/water style) with clean low court type dress sneakers (**see Photo D**), boat shoes, loafers or dress shoes.

Girls: For girls, the look would be similarly smart and neat with a dress, skirt, tailored shorts or skort and a blouse (sleeveless shirt is acceptable) or dressy pullover with clean footwear that complement the outfit.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Should a student be found to be in violation of the dress code, or be wearing something that the school has deemed a distraction to the learning environment, the student's teacher can contact the parents to either bring the student appropriate dress for school or bring the student home to change. The student will be shown the dress code, and a copy should be sent to the parents for review as well.

Photo A:

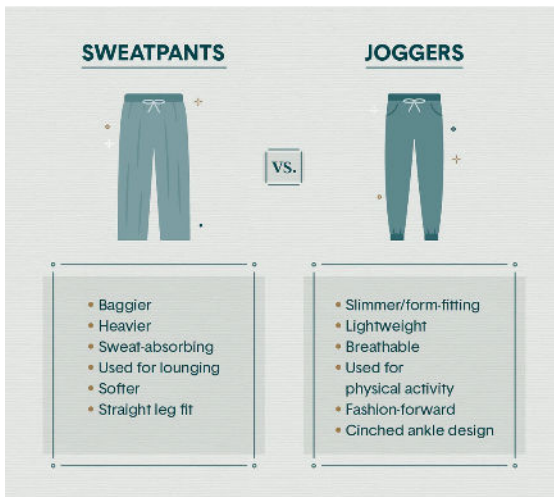


Photo B:



Photo C:



Photo D



Student use of Electronics at School

At Delphi we understand the benefits of utilizing electronics to enhance learning experiences in ever expanding ways, as well as to maintain efficient coordination with family and peers. We also understand the possible abuses that can occur which can overall detract and distract from a productive school environment.

It has been found that students have sometimes gotten distracted from their studies, or are missing valuable communication and interaction with their peers and faculty. Therefore the following are the electronic policies listed by area.

High School (Freshman - Senior)

High school (Freshman - Senior) students are required to bring personal laptops to school as they are used consistently throughout their class time for essays, to do research, to keep track of their programs, to download course materials, etc.

High School (Freshman - Senior) students may use cell phones for school or Student Council related activities. They may also use them during designated break times, such as snack and lunch time. Devices cannot be used or shown to students not in High School. At all other times, they are turned off and kept in a common location as directed by the teacher. Please note this policy can change at any time. **Parents** - please do not text or call your children during study time. Text the teacher or contact the main office if there's an emergency.

Phones and devices must be turned off while waiting to be picked up so as to set a good example for younger students who are not allowed to use phones during pick up time.

High School students are held to a high ethical standard in terms of their use of electronics at school. Any violation of that trust would be handled appropriately with the student's teacher or School Director. Continued or repeated or severe violations will result in a student not being able to bring their electronics to school.

Middle School (Form 5)

Personal computers are not allowed in Middle School. School computers may be used by Middle School students in the classroom for essays and research. School computers may not be used for personal reasons, or for things not school related.

Cell phones, personal laptops & tablets, smart watches and other personal telecommunication devices are not to be used on campus during the school day. This includes during class time, practical classes, while on campus before school starts, breaks, lunch and while waiting to be picked up. The only exception is to make a quick call to coordinate pick up with parents, which can only be approved by the student's main teacher. Once done, the device must be put away, out of sight.

Personal telecommunication devices are not to be used during off-campus school activities, unless the teacher has approved this for the entire class due to safety reasons during the trip.

If a student brings a personal telecommunication device on campus it is to be turned off and kept out of sight and silent until the student leaves campus.

It is stored in a backpack, locker, or in the teacher's care - depending on the individual teacher's discretion of where these are stored.

Elementary School (Forms 3 & 4)

Form 3: Personal electronic devices (laptops, cellphones, smart watches, etc.) are not permitted to be brought to school. Students are permitted to use school computers.

Parents can communicate with their child's teacher or the office if there is a message that needs to be relayed.

Form 4: Personal computers and tablets are not permitted in Form 4. Students are permitted to use school computers.

Cell phone rules for Form 4 are the same as Form 5. Cell phones are not to be used on campus during the school day. This includes during class time, practical classes, while on campus before school starts, breaks, lunch and while waiting to be picked up.

Lower School (Beginner 1 - Form 2)

Personal electronic devices (laptops, cellphones, smart watches, etc.) are not permitted and should not be brought to school. Parents can communicate with their child's teacher or the office if there is a message that needs to be relayed.

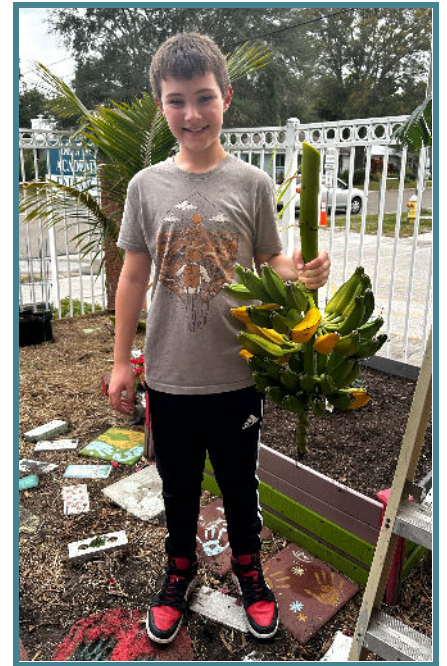
Consequences

The first time a student violates our electronics policy, they will be asked to shut it off and put it away. The second time the teacher takes the device, and holds it or brings it to the office where it is kept for the rest of the school day. The student can pick it up after 4:45. The third time the student

is not allowed to bring a phone or electronic device to school for 5 school days. The fourth time the student will not be allowed to bring a phone or electronic device to school for the rest of the school year.

Ethics

One of the many unique aspects of student life at Delphi is the dedication to our school's logo points. Knowledge, Ethics, Integrity and Leadership are key to the Delphi culture. We know that there are always moments in a person's life when these character traits can be strongly challenged or even compromised, and the school is committed to help students sort out any difficulties. Please refer to the Delphi Parent-Student Handbook for detailed information regarding student Ethics.



Emergency Protocols

The safety of our students and staff are at the forefront when it comes to certain emergency situations. The school has specific protocols for any situation including dangerous criminal activity in the area, fire, intruder and severe weather, as described below.

Severe Weather

This could include a Tropical Storm, Hurricane, Tornado or other deemed as such by the National Weather Service.

Weather Watches/Warnings

The School Safety Committee monitors all severe weather with our National Weather Service Radio located in the office. Should a severe weather warning or watch be issued during the school day, typically due to a sudden onset of potentially destructive winds, rain, lightning or in case of a tornado, the school will follow our severe weather lockdown procedures until the weather has passed. Should this happen during pick up times, please look out for notifications from the school for any changes to our pick up procedures for that day.

Hurricanes/Tropical Storms

There is more weather prediction with larger storms such as hurricanes and tropical storms, and so for the safety of our students and staff, the school may close during these larger storms. We follow the lead of the Pinellas County School District when it comes to closing the school for an impending storm, as they receive direct updates and guidance from the Pinellas County Emergency Management. Their updates on school closures can be found on their home page at WWW.PCSB.ORG. Additional emails will be sent out if the school will be closed, and with our reopening schedule.

In the rare instance where the school needs to close due to impending severe weather during the school day, you will receive notification from the school with instructions, and a specified time of when your child must be picked up from school due to the closure. It is important that students are picked up at the specified time for everyone's safety.

Delphi Parent Organization: A Message from our President

The Delphi Parent Organization (DPO) is the Delphi Academy of Florida's Parent Group. It is widely known from coast to coast that we are one of the best parent groups around!

The DPO Mission is: **"To enhance campus life by creating activities that engage and empower staff, students and families. Some of these activities include fundraisers, game nights, potlucks and fun events which serve to deepen our school spirit and enrich our children's educational and social experiences."**



We are looking forward to the new school year. All parents will be given the opportunity to participate in our calendar of events/activities and become a part of our amazing Delphi community! Our success is directly related to the amount of parental participation that we have. 😊

The DPO meets once a month on a Friday (these will be noted on our calendar and/or announced monthly). Join us, be informed, volunteer, and more! Email us at DPO@delphifl.org to get involved or email Rosie directly at rosieishere@icloud.com. Be sure to also join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/delphifl/>. Regular DPO updates are posted here and it's a great way to stay connected.

DPO President: [Rosie Lucia Purden](#)

DPO Vice President: [Kasia Miley](#)

DPO Projects Coordinator: [Ali Feinberg](#)



Illness Guidelines

We all hate it when a child is not feeling well! As a part of the school's efforts to do our part in keeping everyone healthy we have set forth the following guidelines. Let's work together to isolate when one is ill, to prevent the spread of illness among our school community and keep everyone healthy!

Here are a few quick guidelines at a glance to know when to keep your child home:

- ★ **Fever** - If your child has a temperature of 99.6 or above, we consider that a fever. Your child will need to be **fever free for 24 hours** without the use of medication before returning to school.
- ★ **Eye drainage or red, itchy eye** - The child should be checked by a doctor. And if not contagious may return to school with a Doctor's note.
- ★ **Coughing** - If there is **persistent or excessive** coughing, whether dry or wet, the child should be out until symptoms are gone. This could be a sign of **whooping cough or strep throat**. The child should be checked by a doctor. The School Health Coordinator (chelseag@delphifl.org) should be notified of the diagnosis in order to take preventive actions.
- ★ **Sore throat** - please keep your child home until symptom free. Please notify the School Health Coordinator if your child is diagnosed with strep throat. Per the doctor, once the child is not contagious anymore, they may return to school.
- ★ **Any rash that could possibly be transmittable, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, measles, ringworm, impetigo or chickenpox** - the child should be checked by a doctor and treated. The School Health Coordinator

(chelseag@delphifl.org) should be contacted to discuss their return to school date, as it varies depending on the diagnosis of what the child has.

- ★ Runny Nose - All runny noses whether clear or not, must stay home unless allergy related. If it is allergy related, a note from your child's doctor is required for us to have on file.
- ★ Vomiting or Diarrhea - Must stay home & be symptom free for 24 hours.
- ★ If your child is ill and will not be at school for the day, please contact us at 727-447-6385 as soon as possible so we can inform your child's teacher.

When a child isn't feeling well at school we will check for the following symptoms:

- Fever (any temperature of 99.6 and above)
- Continuous runny nose
- Congestion
- Wet or dry persistent or excessive cough
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or diarrhea

If a student has any of the symptoms above, they will be sent home. You may receive a call from either the Director, Teacher or School Health Coordinator to pick up your child. We do ask that students being sent home for illness be picked up within 30 minutes from the front office.

If we suspect heat related symptoms/dehydration, as listed below, we will have the student drink some fluids and relax in a cool environment for a little while to see if the symptoms subside. If not, the student will be sent home.

- Headache

- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Body or muscle aches
- Lethargic

Protocol if your child has allergies:

Your child may enter the school with a medical doctor's note stating that they are not contagious and that their symptoms are from allergies. The note must state which symptoms they have (so we can differentiate if new symptoms are occurring). If they have a fever, a doctor's note will not be accepted. They will need to remain home and be symptom free for 24 hours, without medication before returning.

A yearly Health Update form will be sent out electronically, for parents to fill out in order to update any medical information on file for their child.

Hygiene

- Children will be regularly taught the importance of washing hands and the proper way to do it. There are "proper handwashing" signs in every bathroom
- Handwashing will be done throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is provided as well

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting

- Commercial cleaning company crew disinfects all classrooms and bathrooms nightly
- Teachers sanitize commonly touched surfaces throughout the day

Who to contact for school health questions?

Chelsea Gird: chelseag@delphifl.org

We look forward to an amazing 2024/2025 School Year!

