DELPHI ACADEMY® OF FLORIDA

ORIENTATION

2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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Welcome!

We are proud to welcome you to the Delphi Academy of Florida 2026/2027 School Year!

It is my pleasure to welcome both our new and returning families to our community. We are honored that you have chosen Delphi and look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey.

At Delphi, we believe education is about far more than earning grades or passing tests. Our mission is 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. Through our personalized, competency-based approach, students develop true understanding, independence, and a lifelong love of learning.

We are excited for the opportunities this school year will bring and look forward to watching our students learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you for being a valued part of the Delphi family.

Here's to another amazing school year!

Warmly,
Deb Voss
Head of School

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2026-2027 Delphi Florida School Schedule and Events Calendar

Key:

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

July/August 2026						
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July/August

- 27-7 Summer Break (School Closed)
- 7 Preschool Parent Orientation Night 5:45 pm
- 10 First Day of School for the 26/27 School Year
- 14 All School Student Assembly and Orientation
- 19 All School Parent Orientation Night 6:30 pm
- 19 DPO Holiday Season Fundraiser Launch
- 20 Picture Day
- 21 DPO Back to School Social

September 2026						
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September

- 7 Labor Day (School Closed)
- 9 DPO Holiday Season Fundraiser Orders Due
- 10 Lower School Assembly
- 11 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 18 DPO Bingo Night
- 28 DPO Poinsettia Fundraiser Launch
- 30 Picture Retake Day/Class Group Pictures

October 2026						
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October

- 7 PSAT-NMSQT Testing
- 8 Lower School Assembly
- 9 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 12 Staff Professional Development (School Closed)
- 14 LS Geography Fair and ES History Fair
- 15 Middle School & High School Science Fair
- 16 Science Fair Awards
- 23 Halloween Parade
- 23 DPO Trunk or Treat
- 26 DPO Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders Due
- 26-30 DPO Spirit Week

November 2026						
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November

- 2-16 Schoolwide Food Drive
- 6-7 High School Play
- 12 Lower School Assembly
- 13 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 19 DPO Poinsettia Delivery Day
- 22 DPO Winter Wonderland Volunteer Day
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)

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December

- 3 Lower School Assembly
- 4 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 7 DPO Giving Tree Project Launch
- 16 DPO Giving Tree Project Deadline
- 17 Preschool Holiday Performances
- 17 Lower School Holiday Show
- 18 Elementary, Middle & High School Holiday Show
- 21-31 Winter Break (School Closed)

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January

- 1 Last Day of Winter Break (School Closed)
- 5 Re-Enrollment Begins
- 7 Lower School Assembly
- 8 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 11 Spelling Bee (Form 3-Form 5)
- 18 Staff Professional Development (School Closed)
- 25-29 Kindness Challenge Week
- 29 Re-Enrollment Deadline

*Dates subject to change

February 2027						
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February

- 4 Lower School Assembly
- 5 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 6 DPO Delphi Carnival
- 12 Valentine's Day Events
- 12 DPO "Be Our Valentine" Staff Brunch
- 15 Presidents' Day (School Closed)
- 16 Fun Run Launch
- 27 DPO Daddy-Daughter Dance

March 2027						
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March

- 4 Lower School Assembly
- 4 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 6 FUN RUN
- 9 PSAT 8/9/10 Testing
- 9-11 Standardized Testing
- 15-19 Spring Break

April 2027						
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April

- 1-3 Spring Show
- 12 Lower School Assembly
- 12 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 23 Green & Gold Award Application Deadline

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May

- 1 Prom
- 3-7 DPO Staff Appreciation Week
- 5 Lower School Assembly
- 5 Elementary/Middle School Assembly
- 7 Preschool/Lower School Mother's Day Events
- 11-12 Green & Gold Award Recipient Lunches
- 17-21 Senior Week
- 23 DPO End of Year Pool Party (Highland Rec Center)
- 26 Final DPO Meeting of the School Year
- 31 Memorial Day (School Closed)

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June

- 2 Preschool Awards Ceremony
- 3 All School Awards Ceremony & Commencement
- 3 Last Day of School
- 4 School Closed
- 7-11 Summer Break (School Closed)
- 14-30 Summer Camp

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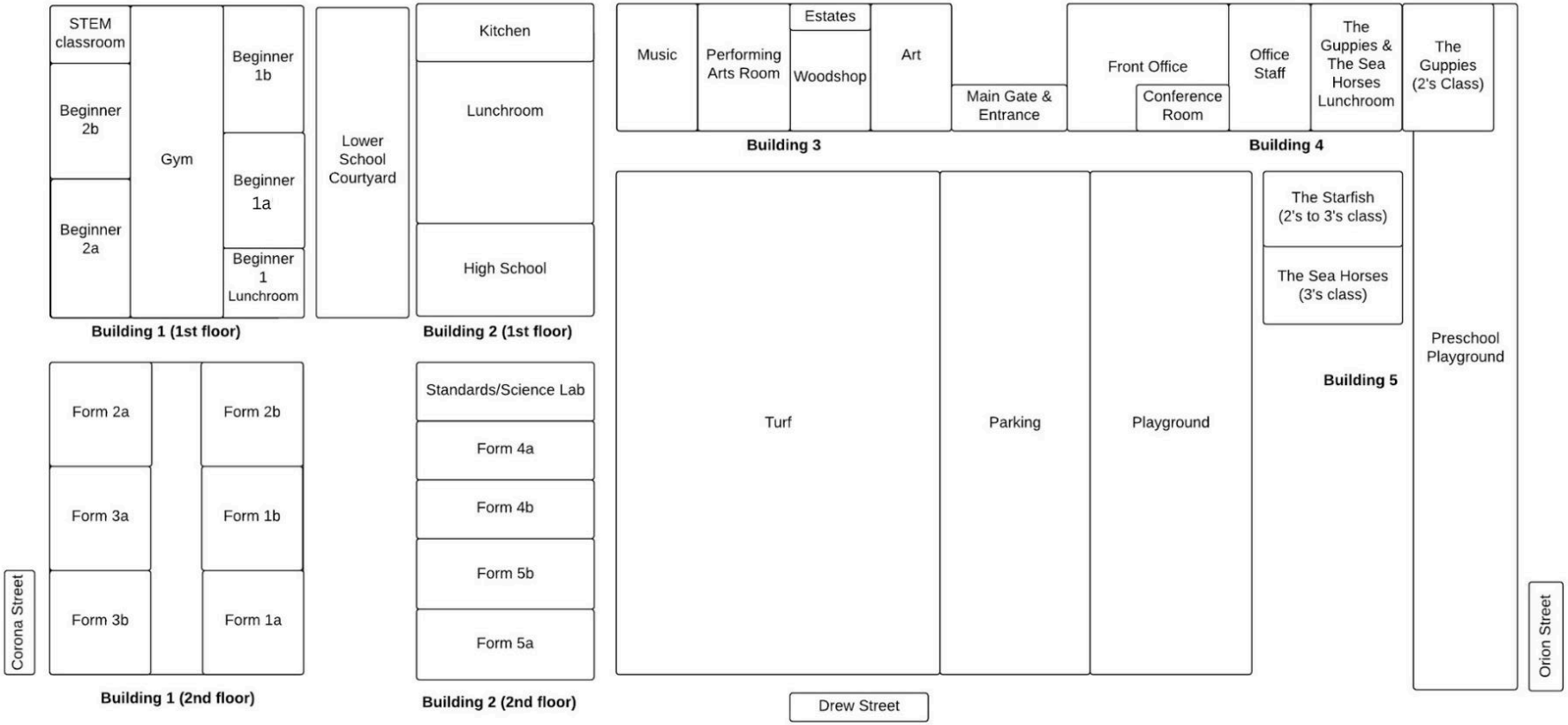
July/August

- 1-23 Summer Camp
- 26-6 School Closed

*full school calendar also available on ParentSquare under the "Events" tab.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Beginner 2a
Gym
Beginner 1b
Beginner 1a
Beginner 1 Lunchroom
Building 1 (1st floor)
Lower School Courtyard
Kitchen
Lunchroom
High School
Building 2 (1st floor)
Music
Performing Arts Room
Estates
Woodshop
Art
Building 3
Main Gate & Entrance
Front Office
Conference Room
Office Staff
The Guppies & The Sea Horses Lunchroom
The Guppies (2's Class)
Building 4
The Starfish (2's to 3's class)
The Sea Horses (3's class)
Building 5
Preschool Playground
Form 2a
Form 2b
Form 3a
Form 1b
Form 3b
Form 1a
Building 1 (2nd floor)
Standards/Science Lab
Form 4a
Form 4b
Form 5b
Form 5a
Building 2 (2nd floor)
Turf
Parking
Playground
Drew Street
Corona Street
Orion Street

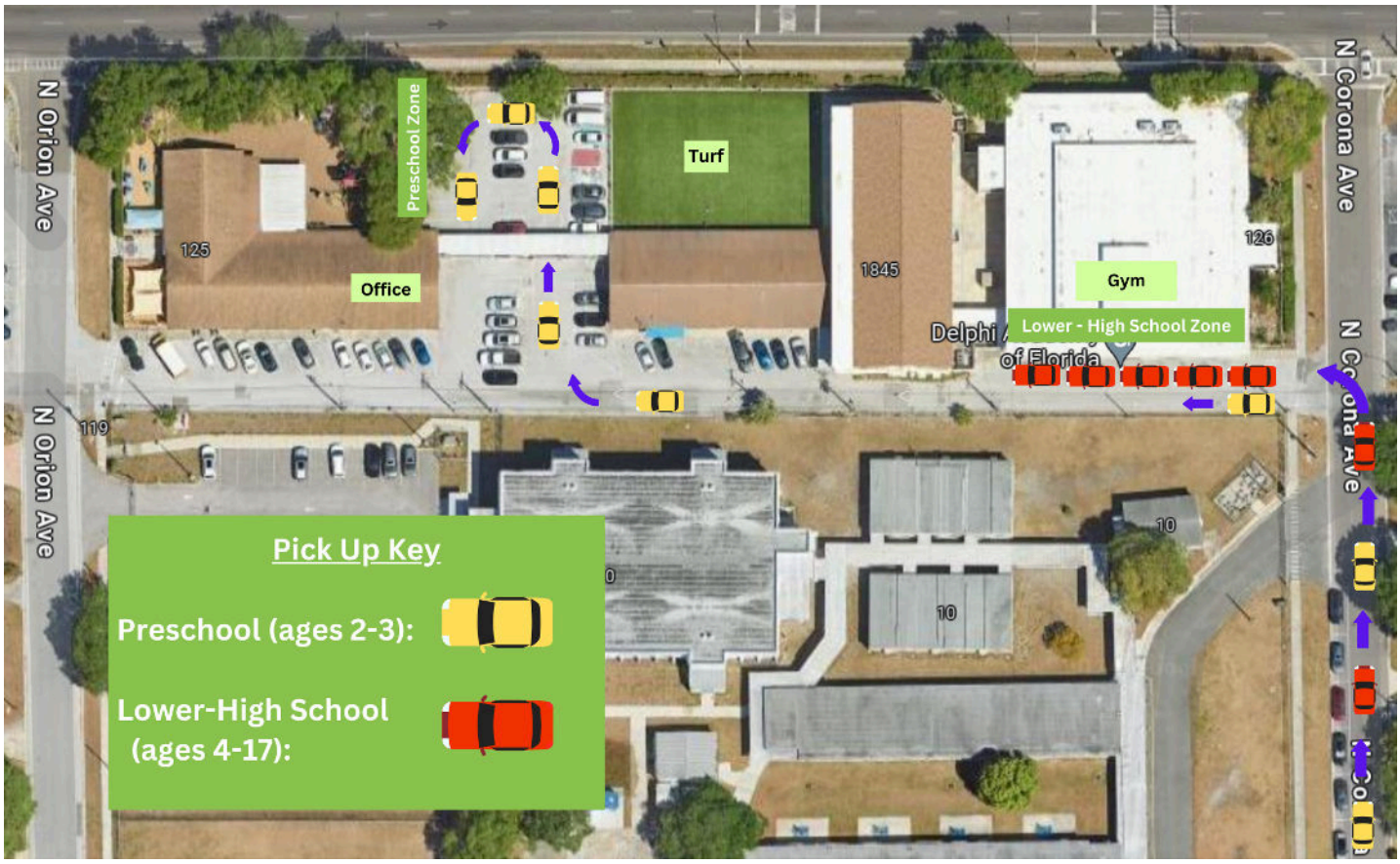
Starting the Day!

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 through High School - so don't be late! **Students should arrive at 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 drop-off/pick-up line runs down Corona Street towards Cleveland, not Drew Street. It is important that we **not block Drew Street with our line.**



Morning Drop Off

- **The drop-off line is open from 8:30 a.m. - 8:59 a.m.** As students arrive they go to the lunchroom and at 8:55 am all students go to their classrooms.

- **Late drop off** - Students arriving after the drop-off line closes must be signed in at the office. High School students may sign themselves in if they drive themselves to school; all others must be signed in by a parent. Parents of Beginner 1 - Form 1 students may need to wait until a staff member can escort their child to class. Older students may proceed independently.

Afternoon Pick Up

- **Pick up time: 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.** During this time our pick-up line will be open, using the DashPass app (see next page).

- **Early pick up**: Must be arranged at least **24 hours** in advance by a parent via Parent Square to the teacher. Preschool through High School Sophomore students must be signed out by an authorized adult in the front office. Form 2 - High School students will be sent to the front office for pick-up. Preschool - Form 1 students may be picked up directly from their class by a parent as long as the parent first signs in at the front desk and gets their visitor badge, and the student is not in an academic class. This is to minimize classroom disruptions during core academic times.

- **Authorized pick-up list** - To release students to non-parents, parents must submit their list of authorized pick-up individuals via e-form or by contacting the front office. To view your approved pick up list for your child, visit the parent portal at (delphifl.myschoolapp.com) and go to your child's "Contact Card". For changes, 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 front office, a late pick up fee of $10 will be billed for up to 15 minutes late and $10 for every 15 minutes after that.

To make the student pick-up line as fast and convenient as possible for parents, we use the **DashPass app** during our pick up 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.

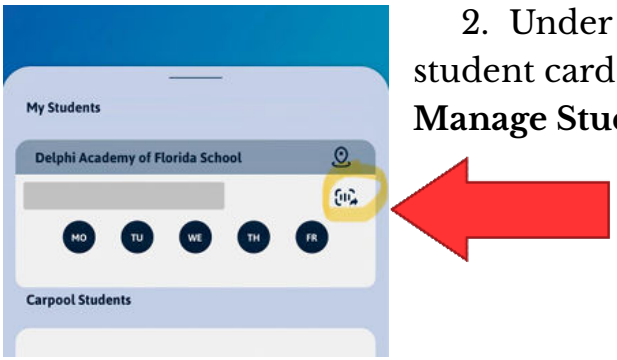
- DashPass is now ready to use! When you are on your way to pick up your child(ren), **open the DashPass app**, select the child(ren) you are picking up, and leave the app open on your phone. Once your vehicle enters our pick-up vicinity, pick-up staff will be automatically alerted and prepare your child to be picked up when you pull up.

- Please contact Reception if you have any issues with the sign in procedure at (727) 447-6385 or delphireception@delphifl.org.

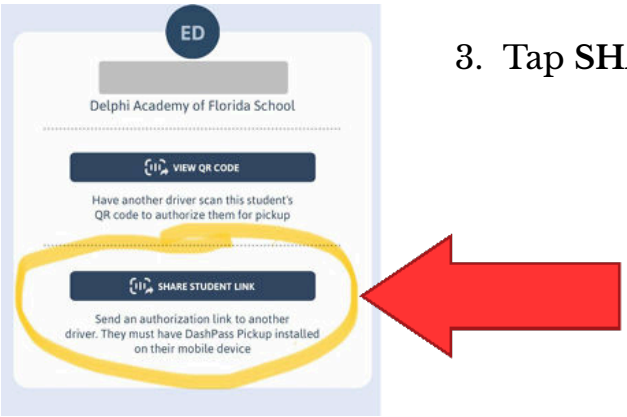
DASHPASS - Adding Additional Drivers

- 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**.

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

Reception Sign-In /Sign-Out

We are excited to announce that we are implementing a digital sign-in/out system at Reception that will make our student tracking and record-keeping much easier while providing a more convenient process for parents and students.

Student Sign-in/out (M-F, 9:00am - 4:40pm)

Students arriving at or departing from the Delphi campus between **9:00 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.**, when the drop-off and pick-up lines are not in operation, must be signed in/out by a parent or guardian at the Front Office. (Students in Junior and Senior, or those who drive themselves to school, may sign themselves in/out.)

Campus Visitors (M-F, 9:00am - 4:40pm)

During in-session school time, the Delphi campus can be accessed via the pedestrian buzz-in gate located by the Main Office. The vehicle buzz-in gate remains closed during school hours due to student pedestrian traffic.

To minimize classroom disruptions, if you are dropping off an item for your child, please leave it at the Main Office, and we will ensure it is delivered to your child as soon as possible.

Any campus visitors who will be going beyond the Reception Office onto campus will sign in and sign out at Reception using our new digital system (iPad). A visitor badge will automatically be printed and must be worn while on campus. This is standard procedure for all visitors and helps ensure the safety and security of our school community.

School Events

No front desk sign-in or sign-out is required when attending on-campus school events (such as graduation, performances, assemblies, etc.), as school staff and faculty are stationed at campus entry points during these events, and families have already submitted their RSVPs to their child's teacher or Reception.

Lunchtime

Lunch/Snacks: You will need to provide daily lunch (or order lunch through food services for students in Form 1 & up) and two snacks, and a water bottle for your child. We are excited to promote a healthy lifestyle here at Delphi and encourage you to send lots of fresh fruits, veggies, cheeses, yogurts and other protein rich foods. You can't go wrong with packing more food than just two snacks for your child. Children can get hungry during their very physically and mentally active day here at school!

The lunchrooms have microwaves and toaster ovens available for heating up food if needed; containers should be appropriate to do this. We ask that no glass containers or bottles be brought to school for safety purposes. Send cutlery if needed, along with any needed condiments (ketchup etc.) and a filled water bottle.

Outside Food Delivery

To help keep our campus safe and secure, **Uber Eats, DoorDash, and other third-party food delivery services are not permitted.** Limiting food deliveries helps us maintain campus security and ensure that only authorized individuals enter school grounds.

Students may only receive food deliveries from our **approved restaurant**:

Sellers & Company Cafe *(formerly Joe's Deli & Grill)*
📞 727-466-0502
(Order online or by phone and select your preferred delivery time.)

If your child forgets their lunch, you are always welcome to drop it off at the main office before your child's lunch period so they can receive it during their scheduled lunchtime.

Students Leaving Campus for Lunch

High School students on Junior and Senior programs may leave campus for lunch if they have a permission slip from both legal guardians on file. The student must sign

out and back in 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.

Nutrition and Sugar Guidelines

At Delphi Academy of Florida, we believe that good nutrition plays an important role in helping students learn, and feel their best throughout the school day. Foods and drinks high in sugar can potentially distract from the learning environment, so we have the following guidelines in place.

Lower School: Candy, gum, and foods or drinks high in sugar are not brought, sold, or provided to students during the school day, including on field trips, at birthday/holiday celebrations, or during school events. A teacher may request approval for a special holiday/birthday treat from the Lower School Director, should this be approved, parents will also be informed, and we will always respect family preferences. If any family prefers that their child not receive sugary treats, an alternative will be provided.

Elementary School: Sugar snacks being sold or distributed at school for cooking classes, projects, prizes, fundraising, field trips, birthdays or events must be approved by the School Director. Should this be approved, parents will also be informed, and we will always respect family preferences.

Middle and High School: Middle and High School students may have sugar. The teachers in these classes are responsible for ensuring that these are enjoyed in moderation, and not shared with students in other classes, especially the younger students.

We recognize that every family has different preferences regarding food and nutrition. Our teachers work to honor those preferences whenever treats are served. If a student has a food allergy, all classroom activities and celebrations will be planned to ensure that allergens are not present or shared.

Food Service Program (available for 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 Service Program will start a few weeks after school has started, and the updated menu will be shared at that time.

How to Order:

1. On the menu, find the LETTER(S) and NUMBER next to the food item (ex. M1 (Monday, choice #1), Th4 (Thursday, choice #4) for the correct day of the week as listed on the menu.
2. Through Venmo, send "@DelphiFlorida" the amount needed and write in the "for" section the Letter-Number combination of the order desired, the student's name, and the form he or she is in. (ex. M1, Billy Bob, Form 4).
3. Orders submitted which do not coincide with the correct order day will not be able to be filled. Parents will be notified of the incorrect order as soon as possible. A full refund will be given if this occurs.
4. Orders must be submitted by 9:05 a.m.

Birthday Celebrations

We love celebrating our students' birthdays and making each child feel special! If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, we ask that you follow the guidelines below to help keep celebrations fun, healthy, and minimally disruptive to the school day.

- **Please plan ahead.** Contact your child's teacher in advance to coordinate the celebration. The teacher will determine the best time and format.
- **Follow our Nutrition & Sugar Guidelines.** Any food or refreshments brought to school must comply with this policy. Many classrooms choose to celebrate with a special activity, game, or craft instead of food.
- **Keep it simple.** Celebrations are typically 15–20 minutes. Parents are responsible for any setup and cleanup.
- **Goodie bags.** If you choose to provide goodie bags, please include non-food items such as stickers, pencils, bookmarks, or small toys. Candy and sugary treats are not permitted.
- **Birthday invitations.** Invitations for parties outside of school may be given to the teacher to distribute at dismissal only if the entire class, or all students of the same gender in the class, are invited. Otherwise, invitations should be shared privately outside of school. Teachers are unable to share family contact information or coordinate invitations.

ParentSquare

At Delphi, we use a fantastic communications system called **ParentSquare**! This simple all-in-one app helps keep you in the loop and allow you to contact teachers and staff seamlessly!

Additionally you'll get important updates from your child's class, school reminders, event information, newsletters, access to the full school calendar, a full staff directory, field trip permission slips and messages from your child's teacher or the school — all in one convenient place. No more digging through backpacks or missing emails or trying to connect in multiple places — everything comes straight to your phone or inbox, the way you choose in the notifications settings. You can also respond to messages, sign up for volunteer opportunities, collaborate with the Delphi Parent Organization, schedule conferences. You can view our entire school year calendar under the "Events" tab!

If you are new to Delphi this school year, look out for an email invitation from ParentSquare to activate your parent account and then download the ParentSquare App in order to get started.

iPhone: Android:

Or, get started by going to www.parentsquare.com and following these steps:

1. Under **Register**, enter your **Email or Cell Phone Number.** You must use the same email/phone you have provided to Delphi.
2. Click **Get Started.**
3. If the email/phone matches the information in ParentSquare, you will receive an account activation email/text to register!
4. Please then download the app for a seamless experience. You're all set! If you have any questions or setting up your ParentSquare account, please reach out to delphireception@delphifl.org.

Connect With Our Community

Our social media is more than just a place to share photos—it's a window into our school community! We love showcasing our students' achievements, classroom learning, campus events, performances, athletics, field trips, and the everyday moments around our school!

We encourage all families to connect with us and be part of our online community!

Follow our **school Facebook** page **Delphi Academy of Florida (facebook.com/DelphiFL)**

Follow our **school Instagram** page **@delphiacademyfl (https://www.instagram.com/delphiacademyfl/)**

Private Facebook Groups:

- **Delphi Parent Organization (DPO)** (facebook.com/groups/delphifl)
- **Delphi Academy of Florida Alumni** (facebook.com/groups/181493219140829)

DELPHI

PARENT ORGANIZATION

• DPO •

Welcome to another wonderful year
at Delphi Academy of Florida!

The DPO is a group of parent volunteers who create fun events, support our teachers and staff, and build a strong community for our children and families.

We meet once a month for quick coordination.
There is no expectation to attend every meeting—
join whenever you can!

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Contact DPO President

ROSIE PURDEN

dpo@delphifl.org

JOIN OUR DPO FACEBOOK GROUP

to stay up to date on events, volunteer opportunities, and school activities.

facebook.com/groups/delphifl

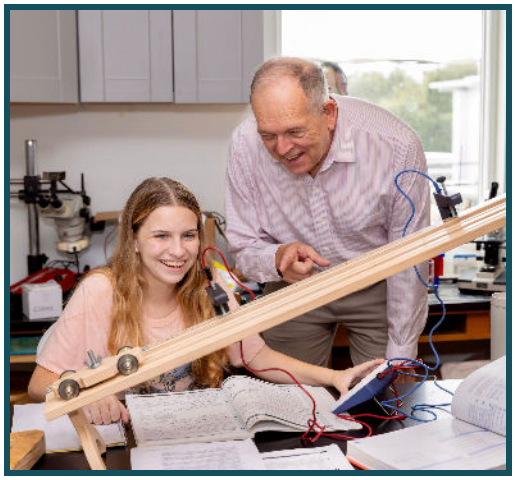
Many hands make light work—and a lot more fun!

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US THIS YEAR!

THE DELPHI PARENT ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT: Rosie Purden | **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:** Kasia Miley • Crystal Radandt • Nicole Poulin • Johanna Mauerer

Our Amazing Staff



Our highly qualified teachers are dedicated to partnering with your family to support your child throughout their educational journey at Delphi. They are available to answer questions and can be reached through ParentSquare direct messaging or the email list provided below.

Please remember that teachers are actively teaching and supervising students during the school day, so they may not be able to respond immediately. Teachers do not take or respond to calls, texts, or emails while they are teaching or supervising their classes. They have designated time during their workday to respond to family communications, and messages will be answered within 24 hours during school hours. Teachers should only be contacted during school hours.

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

Departments

Business Manager	sarahs@delphifl.org
Career Opportunities	careers@delphifl.org
Dean	genar@delphifl.org
Delphi Parent Organization	dpo@delphifl.org
Delphi Volleyball Team	volleyball@delphifl.org
Enrichment Director	traceyc@delphifl.org
Finance Department	finance@delphifl.org
Head of School	debv@delphifl.org
Health & Safety	healthandsafety@delphifl.org
New Student Admissions	admissions@delphifl.org
Re-Enrollment	kellye@delphifl.org
Reception	delphireception@delphifl.org

Lower School (LS)

Lower School Director	Isis Starks	isiss@delphifl.org
B1A Teacher	Ms G. (Michelle Gebbia)	mgebbia@delphifl.org
B1B Teacher	Michele Cormier	michelec@delphifl.org
B2A Teacher	Aime Santiago	aimes@delphifl.org
B2B Teacher	Crystal Burton	crystalb@delphifl.org
F1A Teacher	Ellen Hang	ehang@delphifl.org
F1B Teacher	Laurie Bush	laurieb@delphifl.org
F2A Teacher	Andrea Nemeth	andrean@delphifl.org
F2B Teacher	Danielle Cerda	daniellec@delphifl.org

Elementary School (ES)

F3A Teacher	Devlin Wolfe	devlinw@delphifl.org
F3B Teacher	Kelly McQuilling	mcquilling@delphifl.org
F4A Teacher	Stephanie Mintz	stephaniem@delphifl.org
F4B Teacher	Lise McCrerey	lisem@delphifl.org

Middle School (MS)

MS Director & F5B Teacher	Jessica Bara-Skowronek	jessicab@delphifl.org
F5A Teacher	Teddy Lambert	teddyl@delphifl.org

High School (HS)

High School Director	Nicole Haskin	nicoleh@delphifl.org
Jr. / Senior Teacher	Alex Campana	alexc@delphifl.org
Sophomore / Jr. Teacher	Theron Haskin	theronh@delphifl.org
Freshman / Sophomore Teacher	John Magerowski	johnm@delphifl.org
Freshman Teacher	Chad Herman	chadh@delphifl.org
College Counselor	Megan Spencer	megans@delphifl.org

SCHOOL POLICIES

Attendance & Lateness

Arriving at school daily is crucial to the success of your child's education. Setting the stage for success within the Delphi program is dependent on arriving at school on time and similarly being in attendance. Students who are habitually late or absent will suffer educational challenges that can slow their progress in our program.

Delphi Academy is a licensed Florida State School and is therefore subject to satisfying the attendance requirements of Florida law.

Tardy is defined as any student who has missed a roll call. Morning roll call is at 9:00 a.m. In Forms 3 and above, students will also be marked tardy when they arrive at any instructional or practical slot late. For every three (3) days of unexcused tardiness, the student will obtain one (1) unexcused absence, however there are instances where tardiness is excused.

Excused tardiness is 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 in their immediate family
- The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment (arranged with the teacher)
- College visitation approved and coordinated with the teacher

Unexcused tardiness is as follows:

- Oversleeping or "needing more sleep"
- Stopping for gas or picking up items
- Heavy traffic
- Returning home for forgotten items
- Parent work conference or work call
- Dropping off other household members (siblings etc.)

An Absence is not being present during *one half* of a class period or day, or more, during the school day by an enrolled student.

Excused absences 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 in their immediate family
- A death in the family
- Religious holiday in the student's own faith
- Student or family major medical situation
- College visitation approved and coordinated with the teacher

After five (5) days of consecutive absence due to illness during a single report card period, a doctor's note needs to be provided.

Unexcused absences are as follows:

- Needing more sleep
- Car or transportation problem
- Attendance at a special event or volunteerism **not approved ahead of time**. We need at least one week ahead of time to get your request approved by multiple school personnel. Please send your request to the School Director and teacher to begin the process.
- Any non-holiday-related religious event **not approved at least one week ahead** of time by the School Director and Head of School. This time off can only be approved for students on target within the Delphi program and are in good attendance standing. Any absence longer than 2 days will result in missed academics that may extend completion dates.
- Vacations or days off for pleasure or family events
- Birthdays
- Not coming to school to avoid an unexcused tardy.

Please coordinate with your 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.

Parents are to communicate to the school by 9:30 a.m. to let the school know if their child will be absent and the reason for the absence. This needs to be done daily if there are consecutive days of illness. If an absence is not reported, it will automatically be considered unexcused. If your child has been marked unexcused and the absence should be excused, please email your teacher as soon as possible to update our records.

Importance of Attendance

Regular attendance and arriving on time are essential to your child's success in the Delphi program. Because students progress at their own pace, frequent absences or tardiness can make it difficult to stay on track and keep up with their academic goals.

If a student falls 30 days or more behind in their academic program, they may not be eligible for automatic re-enrollment for the following school year. In these situations, the family may be asked to enter into a provisional enrollment agreement that includes a plan to complete the academic backlog and address any ongoing attendance or tardiness concerns.

Attendance Expectations & Support

We know that occasional illnesses and unexpected situations happen, and we appreciate your partnership in helping your child attend school regularly and arrive on time. Consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's success and is also required under Florida law.

- **Communication:** If your child has an unexcused absence or tardy, we will notify you unless you have already contacted your child's teacher beforehand. This is part of our responsibility to comply with Florida attendance requirements.
- **Attendance Support Meeting:** If a student reaches five (5) unexcused absences or fifteen (15) unexcused tardies within one calendar month, or ten (10) unexcused absences or thirty (30) unexcused tardies within a 90-calendar-day period, a meeting with the parent and teacher will be required. Together, we will discuss any challenges, create an attendance plan, and sign an attendance contract that will become part of the student's attendance record. Please note that an unexcused early dismissal counts as an unexcused tardy, so we ask that early dismissals be approved whenever possible.
- **Continued Attendance Concerns:** If a student reaches fifteen (15) unexcused absences within a 90-calendar-day period, an on-campus suspension and a required parent meeting will take place to strengthen the partnership between the student, family, and school and develop a path forward. If unexcused absences or tardiness continue despite these efforts, families may be asked to seek a school environment that is a better fit for their child's attendance needs.

Florida Truancy Requirements

Florida law defines a habitual truant as a student who has 15 or more unexcused absences within a 90-calendar-day period. This requirement applies to all students for whom school attendance is compulsory under state law.

As a Florida private school, Delphi Academy of Florida is required to follow the state's attendance laws and comply with the applicable truancy requirements, including the following:

Length of School Year and Days

Attendance at a private school satisfies the compulsory school attendance law if the child maintains regular attendance during the school term of either 180 actual school days or a minimum of **170 actual school days** and the hourly equivalent of 180 actual school days. In Kindergarten, this requires 540 net instructional hours; in Grades one through three, 720 net instructional hours; and in Grades fourth through twelfth, 900 net instructional hours. Rule 6A-1.09512, *Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.*). This is the minimum requirement for Delphi Academy of Florida. In the 2026/2027 school year we provide 189 school days, unless there are mandatory school closures. In that scenario, we minimally provide 180 school days per school year.

Students Leaving Early

To help students stay on track with the academic and enrichment requirements of the Delphi program, we ask families to follow the procedures below whenever a student needs to leave campus before the end of the school day.

For the safety of our students, all students under the age of 16 must be signed out through the office by an authorized adult every time they leave campus, regardless of the reason. Students who are 16 years of age or older may sign themselves out. Maintaining accurate, real-time attendance records is essential in the event of a campus emergency and helps ensure that students are released only to authorized individuals.

If your child needs to leave early for an appointment or other planned reason, please notify your child's teacher at least 24 hours in advance. For the safety of our students, early dismissal requests must come directly from a parent or legal

guardian—we cannot accept requests made by students. Providing advance notice also helps ensure your teacher receives the message, as they may be actively teaching throughout the day.

When a student leaves early, the time of departure and the reason for the dismissal will be recorded. The same guidelines used to determine whether an absence or tardy is excused or unexcused will also apply to early dismissals. Please note that an unexcused early dismissal is recorded the same as an unexcused tardy.

Students who leave campus early on a regular basis to participate in outside enrichment activities that are not offered by Delphi Academy of Florida—such as sports teams, part-time jobs, internships, religious activities, or similar programs—must complete an Outside Enrichment Approval Form before early departures begin. This form allows the school to coordinate with families, maintain accurate program records, and, when appropriate, record these departures as excused dismissals on the student's attendance record.

Illness Guidelines

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. Please note that this does not constitute a complete list of medical issues which may warrant a doctor visit or being sent home by the School Health Coordinator which would be assessed on a case by case basis:

★ **Fever** - If your child has a temperature of 99.6 or above, we consider this a fever. Your child will need to be **fever-free for 24 hours** without the use of fever reducing medications before returning to school.

★ **Eye drainage or red, itchy eye** - We require the child be checked by a doctor, and if not contagious, may return to school with a doctor's note.

★ **Earache** - For any earache we request that the child be evaluated by a medical doctor or returned after the earache is resolved.

★ **Coughing** - If there is **persistent or excessive** coughing, whether dry or wet, this could be a sign of **whooping cough or strep throat.** The child should be checked by a doctor. The School Health Coordinator (healthandsafety@delphifl.org) should be notified of the diagnosis in order to take preventive actions. The child should remain home until the **persistent or excessive** coughing has cleared up or until the doctor has said the child may return to school.

★ **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.

★ **Rash** - Any unidentified **rash that could possibly be transmittable, or hand-foot-and-mouth disease, measles, ringworm, impetigo or chickenpox** - the child should be checked by a doctor and treated. The School Health Coordinator (healthandsafety@delphifl.org) should be contacted to discuss their return to school date, as it varies depending on the diagnosis.

★ **Runny Nose** - All runny noses, unless allergy related, should be checked through the School Health Coordinator in the office. 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.

You may receive a call or direct message from either the Director, Teacher or School Health Coordinator to pick up your child in the case of symptoms. We do ask that students being sent home for illness be picked up within 30 minutes from the front office, by either a parent, emergency contact, or individual authorized to pick them up. If your child is ill and will not be at school for the day, please contact your child's Teacher via email or direct message to notify them for attendance records.

If your child has been out sick or will be out sick for 5 or more days, a doctor's note is required for attendance purposes. The note can be emailed to healthandsafety@delphifl.org or brought to Reception.

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.

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 occuring). 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.

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.

Who to contact for school health questions?
healthandsafety@delphifl.org

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 point of manners. 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 medium 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. This code is meant to prevent distractions from our primary purpose.

HAIR

- Hair should be kept neat, clean and well trimmed.
- If hair is longer, it must be worn in a style that does not cover the eyes.
- Hair color should be natural. Temporary hair color can be used for spirit days, if appropriate.

HEADWEAR

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

CLOTHING

- Clothing should be appropriate for school and its activities. (Costumes, sleepwear, see-through, sheer, mesh, items that are tripping hazards, spandex shorts etc. should not be worn.)
- Clothing should be neat, clean and in good repair.
- No clothing is to be adorned with logos, designs or words that promote inappropriate or scary messages for school or children.
- PE clothing should be appropriate and non revealing, not 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, or chest/cleavage. This includes PE wear.
- Tops should have straps with a minimum of 1" width and not have draping arm holes.
- Tops should not fall off of the shoulder and strapless tops should not be worn.
- Tops should not cover the bottom hem of your shorts so as to look like you are just wearing a shirt.

Shorts/Skirts:

- Skirts/shorts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee and should be at your mid thigh or longer when in a standing position.
- Shorts/skirts 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.

Pants:

- No PJ or sleepwear bottoms. Loose-fitting athleisureware is acceptable. No form fitting or spandex-like athleisureware is allowed. Proper undergarments must be worn.
- Distressed jeans are fine but without obvious holes.
- Leggings may be worn only with a shirt that otherwise covers the crotch of the leggings.

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. This does not apply to spirit days.

SHOES

- Shoes must be worn ***at all times*** on campus. Shoes should be appropriate for school and comfortable to wear throughout the day, and for activities.
- Flip flops are not to be worn on campus.
- Dress shoes and modest heels are appropriate for Professional Dress Day. You should only have to change your dress shoes for PE or other practicals of similar nature.

ACCESSORIES AND GROOMING

- **Piercings:** Earrings may be worn that do not inhibit movement or pose potential for harm during school activities. Face piercings, earlobe gauges, tongue, nose or lip piercings are not allowed to be worn or visible (natural or clear plugs) at school.
- **Tattoos**: No visible tattoos are allowed.
- **Nails:** Students should keep nails properly trimmed and clean. Female students may wear nail polish, not males. Nail length should not be so long that it is difficult to participate in academics or required athletic activities.
- **Fragrances/Odors:** For all students, strong fragrances should not be worn out of courtesy to other students and staff, and body order must be controlled.
- **Facial hair:** must be well groomed and cared for.
- **Make-up:** Middle School and High School girls are allowed to wear light, day make-up.

PROFESSIONAL DRESS DAYS

Students are expected to maintain a neat, professional appearance during all designated dress-up days. The designated dress-up day will be one day a month, listed on the school calendar. You can also check the calendar on Parent Square under the "events" tab. All clothing should be clean, properly fitted, and in good repair.

Boys

- Polo shirt or short or long-sleeve button-down dress shirt.
- Tailored shorts or slacks are acceptable. Shorts may not be denim or beach/swim style.
- Clean dress shoes, boat shoes, or loafers must be worn. Athletic shoes are not permitted.
- Dress socks (no athletic or ankle socks) should be worn.
- A sport coat or suit jacket and tie is optional.

Girls

- Professional dresses, skirts, tailored shorts, pants or skorts, a blouse or dressy top that meet the school's requirements. Please no bodycon dresses.
- Shoes should be nice flats or heels/sandals sturdy enough for walking comfortably.
- Middle School: Heels up to 2 inches. High School: Heels up to 3.5 inches.

Student Use of Personal Electronics

At Delphi Academy of Florida, we recognize that technology can be a valuable learning tool and an important way for families to stay connected. At the same time, limiting personal electronics during the school day helps minimize distractions, supports student engagement, and promotes a safe, focused learning environment.

To help achieve this balance, the following guidelines apply. There is no use of personal electronics by students in school during school hours, with some exceptions. **Our school hours will be referred to as "bell to bell".** The definition of "bell to bell" is from the **9:00 a.m**. roll call bell to the end of the school day bell at **4:40 p.m.**

- **Preschool, Lower School (Beginners 1 & 2, Forms 1 & 2), and Elementary School (Forms 3 & 4):** Students may **not** bring personal electronic devices to school. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, handheld devices, personal communication devices, laptops, and computers.
- **Middle/High School:** Students may bring a cell phone to school, but it must be turned in to their teacher during school hours. After the final bell students may use their phones to contact a parent or their designated pick-up person.
- **Laptops for High School:** High school students are also expected to bring a personal laptop each day, as it is an important part of their academic program and is used for writing assignments, research, tracking academic programs, accessing course materials, and other classroom activities.

If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact your child's teacher directly through ParentSquare. In the event of an emergency, you may also call the school office, and we will ensure your message is delivered promptly.

Middle School and High School students are entrusted to use technology responsibly. Any misuse of electronic devices will be addressed in accordance with the Student-Parent Handbook and in partnership with the student and their parents.

Student Personal Belongings At School

Personal belongings brought to school can sometimes create unnecessary distractions or concerns for students, families, and staff. Items may be misplaced, damaged, or become a focus of attention, detracting from learning and classroom participation.

The only personal belongings students can bring to school are their lunchboxes, which only contain lunch, snacks, utensils and condiments, as well as a water bottle.

Sometimes teachers use incentives and rewards to acknowledge students for their achievements. The teacher will let the student and parent know if they earned a reward of bringing in one personal item to school. If they achieved this, they would bring this toy or item in on a Friday. Electronics are not allowed.

Backpacks

All students can bring their own backpacks, if they wish. The only items in these backpacks should be schoolwork. **Lower School teachers provide clear backpacks to their students so that homework can be brought home.** These backpacks are preferred.

Emergency Protocols & Safety

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

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 protocols until the weather has passed. Should this happen during pick up times, please look out for Urgent Alert notifications from the school via Parent Square 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 Pinellas County Emergency Management. Their updates on school closures can be found on their home page at WWW.PCSB.ORG. Additional alerts will be sent out via Parent Square if the school will be closed, and with our reopening schedule as soon as campus safety has been assessed.

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 via Parent Square 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.

For any questions or concerns on the above, please contact the Delphi Safety Committee at: healthandsafety@delphifl.org