

MLA Frequently Asked Questions

What time does school start and end?

- School doors open at 8am for morning drop off.
- Instruction starts at 8:30am. In grades 4/5 instruction starts at 8:40am.
- Before school care is available starting at 7:30 am. Provided at a cost by our Afterschool provider.
- Wednesdays are minimum days where TK-1st get dismissed at 1pm and 2-8th at 1:10pm.
- Regular dismissal time is 2:45 for grades Tk-3rd, 2:55pm for 4/5 and 3:15pm for Middle school.

What are the options for Afterschool Care?

What after school programs are available?

What organization manages the after school program?

How difficult is it to get in?

- MLA has an onsite After School Program, ASP, for all students TK-8th grade.
- ASP is organized and run by **Love, Learn, Success**
- Our program is very popular and fills up very quickly so the sooner you apply the better your chances are of getting in.
- Cost of the program varies based on grade level, part time vs. full time and early bird special. Scholarships are available for families that qualify for free and reduced lunch.
- The application process opens up around April/May.
- Love, Learn, Success also provides before school care from 7:30 to 8:30 for families who need early drop off. Families can pay per day if necessary.
- La Plazita has a pick up service that send staff to pick up students after school.
- The Boys and Girls Club located on High Street also has pick up service when there are 12 or more students signed up from our school site.

Describe the Arts program?

Can you tell us about the music Program?

Do students learn an Instrument?

- At MLA we offer Visual Arts via an Elective course for Middle school student and as an extra class for students in TK-%.
- District Music teacher works with TK, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th 7th and 8th grade.
- Students in middle school can choose music as their elective. Students learn to play an instrument at this level.
- Partnership with Cantare which provides music class for Tk-2 elective chorus for 3-5.
- Through the Afterschool program we also offer dance, folklorico, samba.

What is the discipline Model?

- At MLA we have a tiered approach to dealing with School Wide Culture, Climate and Discipline. Tier 1 are universal practices we implement for all students, While and tier 2 and tier 3 are more specific to small groups and individual student interventions and supports.
- We practice Restorative Justice (RJ) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) which includes placing a focus on building community and teaching expected behaviors in all school spaces like the classroom, the cafeteria and the playground.

- When students are having difficulties upholding school expectations students are given opportunities to reflect, refocus, and if necessary restore any harm that may have been done and re-establish community via Restorative Justice Circles/Conversations.
- As part of our Discipline system we are also teach students that their actions carry consequences and when necessary students may lose a privilege or be assigned community service.

What additional support does the school offer for students who need extra support?

Is there Speech Development help?

Is there reading Support?

- As a public school we offer additional support for all students who demonstrate a need.
- If your child has been identified and qualifies for additional services like speech those services will be provided at the school
- MLA has a reading intervention teacher who works with first and second graders who have been identified by their teachers as needing reading support.
- Students who demonstrate need for additional supports are referred to our APOYO process where our school team coordinates needed academic or behavioral interventions.

Can students buy lunch in the cafeteria?

Does school offer vegetarian food?

- Breakfast is served between 8 and 8:30 am free of charge for all students.
- Lunch is served daily for students who choose to eat a school lunch.
- Students can also bring their own lunch respecting the district wellness policy limiting sugary foods.
- Families can apply for free or reduced lunch at the beginning of each school year.
- Students can also purchase a full school lunch or pay for specific items like milk or entree.
- If your child has allergies like peanuts or fish etc please include this information in your registration information to ensure we can help make any necessary accommodations.
- Kids each lunch in grade level bands. Tk and K students each lunch in their classrooms.

How much time do kids spend outside?

- Students in Tk/K have 3 recess periods, a 15 min. morning recess, a 30 min recess break before lunch and a final 15 min recess towards the end of the day.
- Students in 1st-3rd have 3 recess periods, a 10 min. morning recess, a 15 min recess they also have an additional requirement of 100min./week of PE.
- Students in 4-5 have 2 recess breaks, a 10 min. Morning recess and a 15 min. Recess after lunch. They also have an additional requirement of 100min./week of PE.
- Students in 6-8 have 1 15 min. recess break after lunch and a P.E class.

What is Class Size for Tk/K?

- Set at 23 for 2020-2021 school year in TK/K

What does the Spanish Assessment test look like?

- **Entering TK/K students**
 - There are 2 components to the Spanish Language assessment: One-on-one interview to assess Speaking and a computer-based Listening Comprehension portion. Combined, the assessments will take approximately 35 minutes to complete.

- Since this optional assessment does not impact your child's opportunity to join the Dual Language community, we urge you to evaluate the degree to which your child has had a consistent Spanish-speaking environment and whether the assessment experience will pose undue stress on your child. For many very young children, this testing process will be completely new and may be emotionally challenging for students who are not Spanish proficient at this time.
- **Entering 1-8 students**
 - There are 2 components to the Spanish Language assessment: One-on-one interview to assess Speaking and a computer-based Listening Comprehension portion. Combined, the assessments will take approximately 35 minutes to complete.
 - For these grades Spanish assessment is required to ensure student success in the program.

How do I sign up for Spanish Assessment?

- Once your application is submitted in SchoolMint, you will receive a notification to sign up your child for an assessment appointment. You can also sign up by clicking [here](#). However, please note that we will not confirm the appointment unless you've already applied via SchoolMint.
- You may contact Luvia Sanchez at luvia.sanchez@ousd.org with questions regarding this process.