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COLORADO LEAGUE of CHARTER SCHOOLS

As a Monument Academy parent, you are a vital member of the Colorado charter school community. Because of the great options they often represent, charter schools are now serving over 125,000 children across Colorado. But they also sometimes face unique challenges ranging from funding inequality to political attacks.

We encourage you to sign up by using the links below to receive messages from the League's Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (COCAN). The network will help you stay informed about issues that affect our school and the charter community.

COCAN was designed to keep charter school parents and supporters informed about pressing issues impacting their school and to provide them with an opportunity to speak up and advocate for their child. The more charter parents are "in the know" about issues affecting charter schools, the more proactive they can be, and the better it is for our schools and our students.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c96y6lrVaue0AiFmcnu123J7tylcj37Hpgjs-LE47mg/edit?usp=sharing>

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17IFb91ljs0u6EBpyGXgju3OK9uxjORnydSBL9pephU/viewform?ts=5f188f7d&edit_requested=true

Thank you for your dedication to our children!

Christianna Herrera

Chief Operating Officer, Monument Academy



~Back-to-School Night plans for this year~

Sessions will be held virtually from teachers' classrooms on Tues, Wed, & Thurs evenings; Sept. 15th, 16th, & 17th; one @5:30 p.m. and one @6:30 p.m. each night, according to the following schedule:

Tues, 15th – K, 5th

Wed, 16th – 1st, 4th

Thurs, 17th – 2nd, 3rd

Teachers will arrange their 5:30 & 6:30 sessions and invite their respective families via *Zoom* or *Google Meet*. Be on the lookout for their email!



Come Join the West Campus MA Team:

[Apply Here!](#)

CARLINE DO'S AND DON'T'S



The entire staff appreciates you taking the time to review procedures for car line. As safety is our primary concern, here are a few reminders:

DO RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS: To the east we have the church property which is vital to our traffic flow. The church leadership has always worked with MA to accommodate our in-flow and out-flow during car line; however, they have asked specifically for MA parents to not park or use the parking spaces next to the building at any time. The church is concerned about the safety of their members and visitors on their campus entering and leaving the church building and has requested that MA parents not use the church's east entrance at any time. Please remember that the area around the church is private property and is not a public street. The small piece MA accesses is by permission only. To our west are a few businesses. Their associated parking lots are not to be used by MA visitors unless conducting business at those locations.

DO HAVE A SIGN IN YOUR VEHICLE that displays information regarding the student(s) you are picking up. The sign should contain at least the last name of the student and preferably the grade and teacher. This will help those conducting car line to more efficiently mobilize students to the appropriate vehicle.

DO NOT MAKE U-TURNS IN CAR LINE If you come in the east entrance, you should exit the west side of the MA campus. If you enter via the west entrance, you should exit the east side of Campus.

DO NOT DRIVE IN THE WRONG LANES to get around traffic. Please be safe for everyone involved in car line.

DO NOT MAKE LEFT TURNS ONTO HWY 105 by the church during posted hours – reference the sign at the east exit listing hours during which left turns are prohibited. Please do not attempt to cross traffic on Hwy 105 to make a left turn as this is extremely dangerous and places not only the occupants of your car but also those traveling in both directions in peril.

DO PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD when dropping off or picking up your students. When you pull all the way forward and use all available lanes, we are able to safely unload

or load more students at one time, thus making car line more efficient. Drop-off utilizes one lane in each direction.

DO PARK IN APPROVED SPACES ONLY when coming on campus between 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Please do not park along the curbs in either direction during these times, as you will cause an obstruction to the flow of traffic.

DO ALWAYS USE THE CROSSWALK to cross the lanes of cars both in the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. While adults may be able to see in both directions, a child following you may not. Remember, students may see you cross thru traffic and think it is ok for them to do as well.

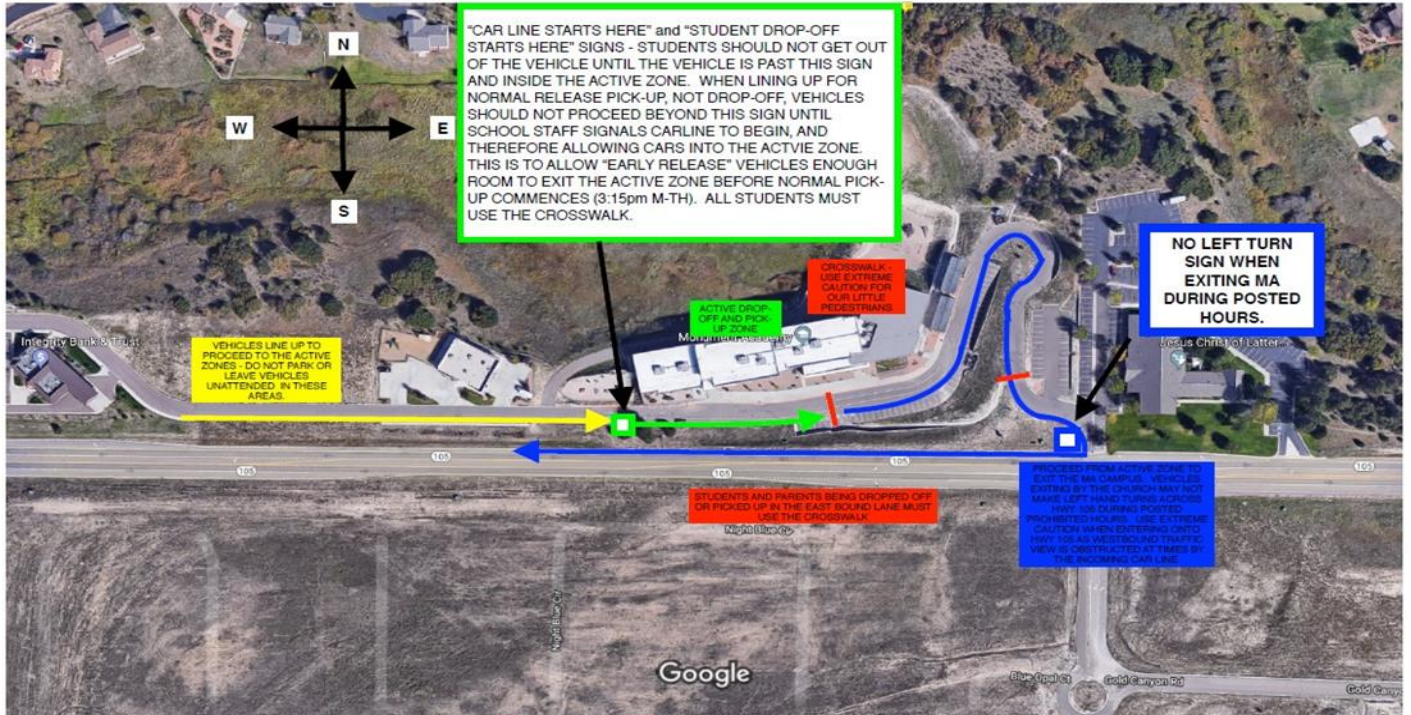
DO PUT DOWN YOUR CELL PHONE while you are in car line. With cars moving in both directions, children loading and unloading and a number of staff in the middle of all of this activity, we need your full and focused attention.

DO PAY ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, such as thunderstorms with lightning within the vicinity of MA. This will prevent MA from being able to assemble the students outside for pick up. If this should occur, MA will disseminate information as quickly as possible by all available means to let parents know if the school is exercising an indoor release. During indoor release parents may come into the school to pick up their students. All other students remain inside the building with their teachers until they are called to the entrances when their parents arrive in car line. Occasionally, the car line will be placed in a "HOLD" position. This would occur when conditions outside are too hazardous for anyone to be outside, such as severe lightning. All loading will cease, and no one is allowed outside until conditions improve. Rest assured that staff members will wait until all children have been picked up regardless of how long the process takes.

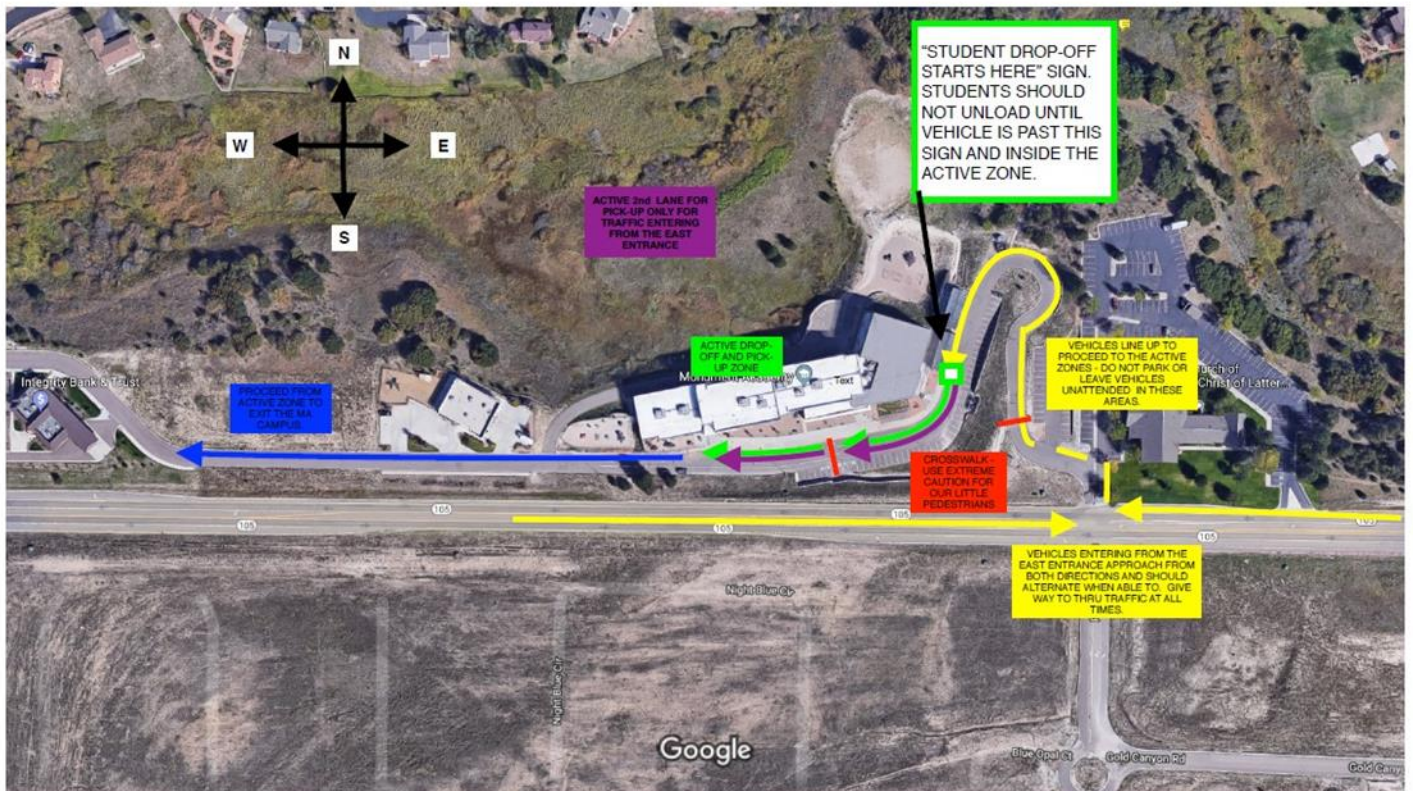
PATIENCE is a virtue and greatly appreciated. We want every child dropped off and picked up safely.

THANK YOU FROM THE ENTIRE MA STAFF!

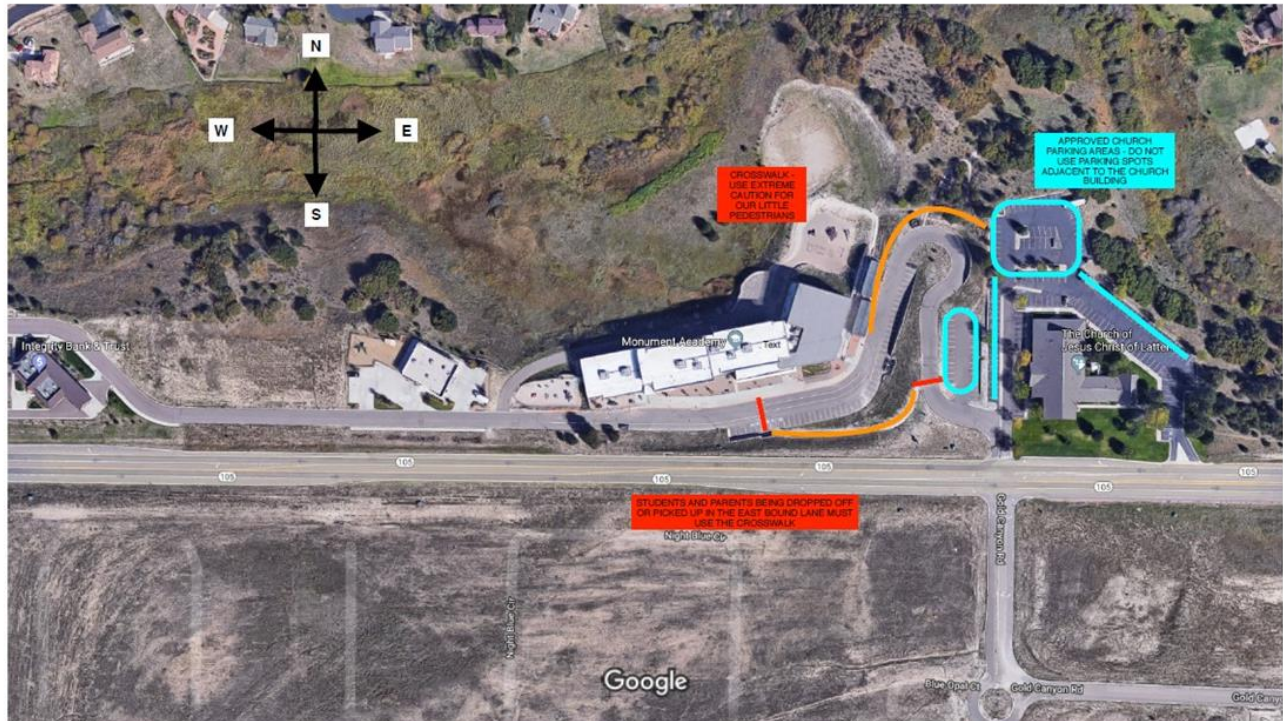
MONUMENT ACADEMY CAR LINE - WEST ENTRANCE



MONUMENT ACADEMY CAR LINE - EAST ENTRANCE



MONUMENT ACADEMY CAR LINE - PARK AND WALK



~MA Volunteer Opportunities ~

SAAC!

Are you interested in serving on Monument Academy's School Accountability Advisory Committee? The purpose of the MA SAAC is to represent the Monument Academy community, including parents, legal guardians, students, and faculty regarding MA grade level academics, student achievement, budgetary, and safety matters, and to make recommendations to the Principals regarding these topics. Meetings will be approximately once a month from **2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Please submit your interest to Sharla Davis at sdavis@monumentacademy.net for the West Campus and Julie Ritschard at jritschard@monumentacademy.net for East. If appointed, you will receive notification from the school.

Business Office



Thank you to the MA families who have submitted academic fees for the 2020-21 school year. These funds help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your children.

The annual required student fees are as follows:

- \$100 Preschool
- \$125 Kindergarten
- \$175 Grades 1-5

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit www.monumentacademy.net to sign up for an account if you have not already done so. Payments are usually posted within a week.

Payment options at Monument Academy:

For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:

- Online Payments – <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop box at front office)
- Credit card - contact jshook@monumentacademy.net to set up recurring payments

Monument Academy does not accept payments on the PaySchools Central app.

School Lunches:

Make checks made payable to LPHLP (Lewis Palmer Hot Lunch Program) – drop off at MA front desk or pay online at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

Financial Assistance: If you need assistance with fees and/or lunches please complete an application at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Contact Julie Shook,
Business Manager Monument Academy
(719) 481-1950 ext. 1709
jshook@monumentacademy.net

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Monument Academy Parents:

The purpose of this information is to highlight the health services provided to all families attending Monument Academy.

Illness/Exclusion Information:

MA is committed to keeping students healthy and safe. To meet this goal, MA follows guidance from local and state health departments. For illness information and exclusion criteria, we use evidence-based infectious disease guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education.

*Please note that because of the *COVID-19* pandemic, we DO and WILL anticipate excluding students for symptoms we would typically manage at school, including increased temperature without other symptoms, sudden onset cough, sore throat, headache and diarrhea (among some others). Once we are at a different stage in the management of the pandemic, we will be happy to revert to the CDPHE Infectious Disease Guidelines without an extra consideration for *COVID-19*.

Medication and/or Nursing Procedures at School:

Some students may require medication (over the counter, prescription) or nursing procedures during the school day. If your student requires either medication or a nursing procedure, a current signed order by your student's health care provider is required. These forms and action plans can be found here:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/student-support/student-health/>

Specifics Related to Medications and Nursing Procedures at School:

Monument Academy follows the Lewis-Palmer District #38 Medication Administration Policy:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lewispalmer/Board.nsf/vpublic#>

*In order to give prescription medications at school, the school nurse will need written medication orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these medication orders with the provider.

*Medication should be in the original container with a pharmacy label that includes the student's name, prescribing provider's name, name of drug, dose, route, time, and/or frequency. This label must match the order form.

*Medication will be administered by the school nurse or by delegated and trained school personnel. *Albuterol* & *Epinephrine* will be kept in the clinic unless written permission for a student to carry these medications is given by the parent/guardian, provider, and school nurse. This requires that the student demonstrate the necessary maturity to keep it on their person and safely secured. In order to give over-the-counter (OTC) medications at school....

If the student needs OTC medications on a regular basis, the school nurse will need written medication orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these medication orders with the provider.

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Medication-Permission-Form1.pdf>

In addition, the OTC medication must be provided to the school in the original container with the manufacturer label. This is for emergent or occasional use. **This is a change from years past.**

In order to give homeopathic/supplement interventions at school, the school nurse will need written orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these orders with the provider.

Immunization Record: Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed childcare to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed

(Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2). <https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Non-Medical-Exemption-English-2017-18.pdf>. To learn more about Colorado required vaccines, go to

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/school-immunizations>. Again, your school nurse is an excellent resource for questions related to immunizations.



COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Can I go to school today?

At-home symptom screening for parents and staff

Parents and guardians can use these symptom checklists to determine when to keep their child at home based on the level of COVID-19 transmission in their community (e.g. Is the community in Protect Your Neighbor or Safer at Home or Stay at Home). School staff can also use this tool to determine if they need to stay at home. **Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations.**

These lists refer only to new symptoms or a change in usual symptoms. A student/ staff should not be kept home__ for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual. These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a child with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidance).

If your child is/ you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms, please call 911.

Low Community Transmission (Protect Your Neighbors):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath. Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.

Sustained Community Transmission (Safer at Home or Stay at Home):

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/ stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle aches.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- Runny nose or congestion.

COVID-19 At-home symptom screening for parents UPDATED 08/10/20

REMINDER:



Please remember...

We did not renew the lease to park in the dirt lot next to *LASER/Premier Vision*. That location is no longer available for MA parking.



Please see below for optional uniform jacket ordering information:

Webstore Link: <https://www.myschoolstoreco.com>

You will be required to enter an address when ordering; however, the order will not be shipped to you directly. Ordering is open until September 13th and all orders are printed at the same time. You will be notified by email when your order is ready for pickup at Monarch Merchandising (15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy #110, Monument) approximately 2-3 weeks after the order due date shown on the site, most likely by the end of September.