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Tomorrow is the first day of school! We cannot wait to welcome students back on campus tomorrow. Most of the information below is a repeat from last Friday, but we want to make sure everyone is ready to go.

Data Confirmation: Please complete the data confirmation process in the parent portal. Simply go to **myiusd.org** to update your contact information. This will ensure we have the most up-to-date information regarding your student. Please see the [attached document](#) for instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the front office at (949) 936-5650. Thank you for your cooperation in this important process.

First Day of School

The first day of school is tomorrow Thursday, August 19. **It is a minimum day for grades 1-6** (please refer to our bell schedule below). We will have lots of staff to help you find your way. We love the first day of school just as much as you do! Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classroom lines on the first day before giving a “see you later” wave. We are asking that you limit the amount of time you are on campus before and after school to minimize the number of people. You are welcome to walk your children to class, but we ask that you exit as soon as school starts. We will not be allowing students to play on the equipment before or after school. They will have plenty of time to enjoy the playgrounds during recess. Please plan a spot to meet your child at dismissal. This will help make the pick-up process easier and less stressful for all.

Bell Schedule

Please see the attachment for [Deerfield's Bell Schedule](#).

Health and Safety

Deerfield, along with all of the Irvine Unified School District, will follow the guidelines for schools provided by local and federal health agencies. For update to date district information, visit <https://iusd.org/covid-19-resource-page>. As we begin class on campus this year, here are some important things to note.

Masks: All students and staff will be required to wear masks indoors. Outdoors, the masks are optional, so please discuss how you would like your child(ren) to proceed when outdoors. Disposable masks will be available for those that need them. Any visitors to the front office must wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status.

Classrooms: Classrooms are set up and ready to go. While we would love to welcome everyone in to see the classrooms, we are going to ask all parents to say good-bye at the door to minimize the number of people in an indoor space. We will continue to have air purifiers in classrooms and other indoor workspaces. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be readily available in each classroom and regular hand washing will be encouraged.

Class Assignments: Your child's teacher is now visible on the Parent Portal (myiusd.org).

School Lunch

This year, school lunch will be provided free for all students in grades 1-6. There is no need to send money or add money to an account. Please see the attached memo for more information. Students are always welcome to bring a lunch from home if they prefer.

We know we will have to make adjustments to our lunch procedures now that more students will be eating school lunches. We have assigned extra

staff to help make the process move smoother for the first few days. We will modify and make adjustments as needed.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Adult supervision is provided by Deerfield staff 15 minutes before each start time and until all students have been picked up. Teachers will teach their students procedures for arrival and dismissal for their specific classroom.

Walking and Pedestrians: Upper grade students that walk home should walk straight home when dismissed from school. Please make sure to discuss safety with your child prior to the first day of walking home. When entering or leaving campus, all students and parents must use the sidewalks. Crossing the parking lot is not allowed for safety reasons.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards: Per IUSD Board Policy 5140, bicycles are allowed for students in grades 3-6 only.

- All bicycles, scooters, and skateboards must be parked in the bike rack and locked. Students may not share a lock, only one bicycle/scooter/skateboard per lock.
- Helmets **MUST** be worn by all students riding to and from school. Any student that does not wear a helmet will be asked to leave the bike/scooter/skateboard on campus until a helmet is provided and worn home.
- All bikes/scooters/skateboards must be walked on school grounds.
- Children should only ride one per bike or scooter, and all other laws and district policies must be followed.

Driving: Many parents choose to drive their children to school. It is imperative that drivers adhere to the following rules and the following drop-off and pick-up procedures:

- Drivers are asked to respect the handicapped spaces. Do not park in or block them in any way, unless you have the appropriate placard.
- Deerfield has a carpool lane. Cars may **not park** in the carpool lane for **any** length of time. When dropping off your child, please drive

forward in the carpool lane before letting your child out of the car. Students must have their backpacks, lunches, and/or instruments ready to exit the car on the passenger side only. For safety, please do not get out of the vehicle or allow students to go to the trunk/hatchback of the car.

- **Please provide ample time for dropping off your child before school to alleviate undue stress for you and your child.**
- The staff parking lot is for school staff only, with the exception of designated visitor and handicap spots.
- As a courtesy to the residents of our surrounding neighborhoods, please be considerate in your driving and parking practices. Please be mindful of your speed, observant of existing signage, and refrain from impeding access to driveways and cross traffic. IPD traffic officers will be present occasionally throughout the year to encourage and reinforce your compliance and safe driving.
- Most importantly, please model kindness and consideration in the parking lot and on campus. Our students are constantly watching and it is our job to set a positive example.