



Principal Update

Dear ICS Learning Community,

Thank you for a productive first semester. Although we had to adjust activities and volunteer opportunities, our students were successful because of the endless support they get at home. We continue to be strong because of our partnerships.

Covid gave us another curve ball and Mr. O'Donnell and I are thankful for your patience and flexibility as we adapted to changing guidelines. ICS continues to be running smoothly because of your diligence and cooperation. Let's hope the coming months see ongoing decreases in transmission rates.

Although there isn't a break between semesters, I hope all students take a breather this weekend. Get outside, relax, and acknowledge how hard they've worked. They deserve to relax!

Ms. Kinney

Have you voted yet?

Lake Washington School District has three measures on the February 8 ballot to support excellence for every student.

You should have received your ballot in the mail. After filling it out, you can put it back in the mail – no stamp needed – or drop it off in a King County Election drop box. Ballots must be dropped off or postmarked by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

Want to learn more about Propositions 1-3 and how they support our students through continued funding for staff, programs, technology, as well as helping us ensure all students have room to learn in safe and healthy school buildings? Visit <https://www.lwsd.org/education-levies>.

Did you know that the state school tax for education is decreasing? The King County Assessor confirmed that the state schools tax rate for property owners in King County is being reduced by approximately 25-27 cents per 1,000 of assessed valuation. The state school funds go to the state and is used for education funding for all districts across Washington state. Our local LWSD tax rate collects funding that stays in our school district.

Have additional questions? Join us for a Town Hall Q&A session on the levies:

- Tuesday, January 25 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 27 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Unable to attend? Submit your questions using our Let's Talk page: Let's Talk! 2022 Levies - Lake Washington School District (lwsd.org).

Attendance Guidelines

All absences must be verified by a parent or guardian. To report your student's absence, late arrival, or early dismissal, please

email ICSAttendance@lwsd.org or call the Attendance Hotline at 425-936-2381 within 24 hours to verify an absence. Please include your student's full name, date(s) absent, reason for the absence, expected arrival time if late, expected departure time if leaving early, and your name.

Student's may also bring a note to the Student Services Office before school or upon return to school. Notes must include the student's full name, date(s) absent, reason for absence, and the signature of a parent or guardian.

Late Arrival:

If your student arrives late to school, they must check in at the Student Services Office for an admit slip.

Early Dismissal:

If your student will be leaving school early, they must see Ms. Ruiz in the student services office before school. Parents MUST email ICSAttendance@lwsd.org or call the Attendance Hotline at 425-936-2381 to approve an early dismissal. Please include your student's full name, date(s) absent, reason for the absence, expected departure, and your name. Ms. Ruiz will provide your student an early dismissal pass for the teacher. The student must sign out in the Student Services Office **before** leaving the building. They can then meet a parent outside by the main entrance. If the student returns to school, they must check in at the Student Services Office. They will be given a pass back to class. **Students are not permitted to leave school grounds at any time without permission from the Students Services Office.**

Pre-Arranged Absences:

In the event of a family need or emergency that will require a student to miss two or more days of school, the student must complete the [Extended Absence Form](#), that is available in the student services office. Please complete the Extended Absence Form and **notify teachers at least one week in advance.**

Important: If you were marked absent or late by a teacher and would like to discuss this, please talk to the teacher that marked you absent or late--not the attendance office

COVID Safety

Thank you for keeping your student home if they have any COVID-like symptoms. We know it's difficult given the common cold and flu have similar symptoms. It seems our processes are constantly changing as we respond to evolving guidance. If you've been involved in a quarantine process

you also know things can move slowly. Please trust that we're doing everything we can to minimize any disruption to learning while also trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.

The district's [website](#) is the best place to find current information. If you don't find what you are looking for there, feel free to email [Mr. O'Donnell](#) with any questions.

Parents bringing items

There is a shelf inside the school entry for dropping off any items, such as lunches, books, or homework for your student. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your student's name and that you have informed them. Laptops must be brought into the office.

School Traffic Map

Please view the [Traffic Map](#) for student drop off and pick up.