



# OGDEN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Families of OPA,

Welcome back to OPA! We hope that you are having a fun and safe summer. Excitement is building as we prepare for the upcoming school year.

Ogden Preparatory Academy's Mission remains unchanged. We will continue to strive to "provide a challenging curriculum where academic excellence, character development, and individual growth are nurtured in a safe and happy environment."

Thank you for being part of the OPA Family! We are looking forward to the beginning of a new and exciting school year!

Please feel free to contact the school if you have further questions.

Sincerely,  
OPA Administration and Staff

**The OPA website, [www.ogdenprep.org](http://www.ogdenprep.org), contains these and additional details of the school policies, programs, calendar, and activities.**

**Registration:** Tuesday, August 2nd from 9am-7pm in the Elementary Gym for all students.

Pictures will be taken, so students need to wear the uniform top.

Please encourage friends and family to join us at OPA. Enrollment information is on the school website, [www.ogdenprep.org](http://www.ogdenprep.org).

**Calendar/School Hours/After School Activities:**

The 2022-2023 School Calendar is included, and is located at [www.ogdenprep.org](http://www.ogdenprep.org).

Buildings open: 7:45 am

Breakfast: 7:45 am - 8:05 am in the Elementary building.

Buildings close: 3:30 pm for all students not involved in supervised after-school programs.

Minimum day dismissal time will be 12:45 p.m.

**After-school activities at OPA** are sponsored by both teachers and parents; some examples of these activities are cross-country, volleyball, girls and boys basketball, soccer, book clubs, and Lego club. More information will become available regarding after-school clubs and activities.

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## **Free and Reduced Lunch:**

Federal funding for free lunch has ended, so families need to complete applications. Applications for Free and Reduced Lunch are now open, and can be accessed through your Aspire account. If you need assistance, please contact a secretary. State and Federal funding for our school is based on these applications, so please fill one out.

Breakfast Price: Full Pay \$1, Reduced Price \$.30

Lunch Price: Full Pay \$2, Reduced Price \$.40

## **Communication and News:**

The Ogden Preparatory Academy website, [www.ogdenprep.org](http://www.ogdenprep.org), is your comprehensive digital resource for communication from Administration, Teachers, and Staff. OPA Principals email weekly newsletters. Please ensure your email is accurate in Aspire.

## **OPA Uniforms:**

Uniforms are the required dress code at OPA.

**Shirts:** Navy, Light Blue, White, and Black (9th grade only) collared polo-type shirts. All uniform tops are on display in the lobby of each building. **Bottoms:** Navy, or Khaki Tan pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, or jumpers.

The following items and clothes are **not** allowed: jeans, piercings (other than single ear piercings), hooded sweatshirts, and jeggings. For a more detailed list of uniform expectations, and details on free dress days, please see the Parent and Student Handbook.

## **Cell Phones/Electronic Devices:**

Cell phones and electronic devices such as electronic gaming devices, personal laptops, and smart watches are not allowed to be seen, used, or in a student's possession (including in binders or pencil pouches) at OPA during the school day. Please leave electronic devices at home or store them turned off in lockers. *The school is not responsible for lost or damaged devices.* Consequences for violation of this policy are detailed in the Parent and Student Handbook.

## **P-EBT Reconsideration:**

If your student(s) were on free or reduced lunch last school year and they missed school due to COVID, you may complete an application for additional P-EBT benefits. This application can be picked up in the front office of either building. All applications must be returned to the school by Thursday, August 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Kiernan at [rkiernan2@ogdenprep.org](mailto:rkiernan2@ogdenprep.org).

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July 18, 2022

Dear OPA Families,

We are looking forward to a great year with students in classes and ready to learn everyday! We have learned that students who miss even a few days of school each month are at a far greater risk of academic failure, reading difficulties, and dropout than students who attend regularly. We have set a goal that every student at OPA attends school regularly with fewer than 9 absences of any kind in a school year.

Because attendance is so important, please send your child to school everyday unless he or she has a contagious illness or is running a fever.

We have included an attendance chart to help you keep track of your child's absences. If you would like additional copies, please contact the front office.

If your child is at risk of missing too much school, please feel free to contact the front office (Elementary 801-627-2066; Junior High 801-627-3066). We will monitor your child's attendance across the year, in order to assist families when the number of absences puts a student at risk. We are happy to work with you to help your students attend regularly and have greater opportunities for success.

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Kasey Kennington  
Elementary School Principal

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Junior High School Principal

## Ogden Preparatory Academy

### “Every Student. Every Teacher. Every Day.”

A calendar year has 365 days.

A school year has 180 days.

That leaves 185 days for family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs, and appointments.

Our goal at OPA is for every student to attend school regularly with 95% attendance. This means each student will have no more than 9 absences each year.

<b>0-9 Days Absent 100-95% Attendance</b>	<b>10-17 Days Absent 94-90% Attendance</b>	<b>18+ Days Absent 89% Attendance or less</b>
<b>Very Good!</b>  Best chance of success. Gives your child a solid start.	<b>Worrying</b>  Less chance for school success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.	<b>Serious Concern</b>  Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. Increases the chance a child will drop out in the future and may lead to legal action.

#### Track your child's absences

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Danger! Your child is at risk of school failure.

If you are having trouble meeting the attendance expectations, please contact the front office!

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