

??FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS??

Do we have after-school activities?

Yes, we offer a variety of after school programs:

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Chess Club, Math Pentathlon, Ski Club, Quiz Bowl for middle school students and various Enrichment Classes such as sewing, drawing, yoga etc.

Can parents volunteer at the school?

Absolutely! We value our parent volunteers. Parents currently help in the classroom, attend field trips, teach art classes, and decorate bulletin boards. The possibilities are endless! All parent volunteers are required to attend a training and submit to a background check.

Dress Code?

Elementary dress code:

<http://www.hollyacademy.org/sites/default/files/elementary-dress-code-2010-03-17.pdf>

Middle school dress code:

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Where can I get it?

You can purchase dress code items at many different locations JC Penney, LL Bean, Wal-Mart, Target, Old Navy, Kohl's and Meijer just to name a few.

How do I purchase Holly Academy wear?

Clothing items with the Holly Academy logo are also available to purchase through the PTO and are dress code acceptable.

Do we have transportation?

No, we do not. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from school for their children. We do **however**; provide an avenue for parents to exchange information to help coordinate carpools.

What is the difference between a Public School Academy (Charter School) and a traditional public school?

- Charter schools, referred to as “Public School Academies” in state law, were created in 1993 as part of a constitutional amendment that dramatically altered the funding for K-12 education and created schools of choice.
- Charter schools, while subject to the same laws, rules and regulations affecting all public schools, have the flexibility to innovate but are held accountable for student achievement.
- While under the general supervision of the State Board of Education, each charter school has a board of directors and is authorized by a university, community college, intermediate school district or a local school district, and the authorizer is responsible for oversight.
- The high-quality teachers in charter schools are required to be certified under state law, just like teachers in traditional public schools.
- According to the Michigan Department of Education, charter school students in grades K-8 outperform students in similar traditional public school districts in 25 of 27 MEAP test.

How many students per class?

Grades K-2 the maximum number of students is 25

Grades 3-8 the maximum number of students is 27

Where do they go after 8th grade?

Most children attend high school in their home district. Some other options include The International Academy, Genesee Early College and Oakland Early College.

Will we ever add a high school?

There are no current plans to have a high school.

Lunch Program

Yes, we have a hot lunch program. It is run by Barb's Catering and it currently costs \$3.00 per lunch and is offered Tuesday-Friday. Mondays are PTO pizza day.

Do we offer sports?

The sports program is offered for grades 5-8. We offer boys and girl's basketball, girl's volleyball, co-ed soccer, cheerleading, and cross country. We also offer wrestling as a club sport for all grade levels.

Do we offer music education?

Yes, we offer a music program to the entire student body. The students grades K-5 participate in music education five times in a ten day period. They currently prepare and are required to participate in two performances a year. We also have a middle school choir that is taught as an elective.

We also offer band for those students that are interested. Band is available for students in grades 4-8, however grades 4th and 5th are offered before school hours. Middle school students have the option of selecting band as an elective.

Do you have a Latch Key program?

Yes, **Melton Kidz Klub** provides care for children before and after school. Hours are 6:30 am – 7:40 am and 3:40 pm – 6:00 pm. Registration fee: \$40.00 per family per school year.

Costs are as follows – WEEKLY: before school - \$28.00, after school - \$43.00, before and after - \$53.00 (additional cost for siblings-\$18-\$38.00). DAILY: before school - \$7.00, after school - \$10.00, before and after - \$12.00 (additional cost for siblings-\$5.00-\$9.00). Half-day (plus weekly/daily rate) is \$11.00 and \$8.00 for siblings.