



**ELGIN MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL**

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Dear EMSA Family,

33 days till school starts! We are updating our website daily with information and upcoming events for our families — be sure to visit our website regularly, especially the “Parent Information” tab, www.elginmathandscience.org.

Por favor llámenos a (630) 254-4596 para que reciba traducción en español.

UNIFORMS

We are pleased to announce that our uniform basics are now available online!

- * ONLY THE SHORT-SLEEVED POLOS are REQUIRED.
(A Polo dress may substitute for the required Polo top).
- The embroidered crest is required on all uniform polos and sweaters.
- We recommend purchasing a minimum of 2 Polo tops.
- The “EMSA” t-shirt students received on Launch night are acceptable as a uniform top in addition to the required Polo. If your student did not receive their t-shirt from the Launch night celebration, you may pick up their shirt at Registration. Additional EMSA t-shirts like the ones from Launch night may be ordered for \$5.00 at Registration.
- Khaki bottoms do NOT have to be purchased through FrenchToast.
- **FrenchToast, our uniform provider, has recommended that purchases be made no later than July 29 to ensure delivery by August 14.**
- *Additional t-shirts and long sleeve t-shirts are scheduled to be added to the online uniform store next week.*

If you are unable purchase items online or need assistance in purchasing the required uniform tops for your student, please contact us at (630) 254-4596, or email us at info@emsacharter.org. We will have order forms available during our Registration days on July 26 & 27.

From July 13 - July 19, EMSA families get 25% off of your entire purchase!
Use PromoCode: EMSA25

<https://www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com/schools/elgin-math-science-academy-QS5PRKD>

Our [uniform policy](#), [purchasing uniforms](#) links, and [supply lists](#) are available on our website under “Parent Information”.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our full school **calendar** is up on the website! [EMSA Calendar 2018/19](#)

FRIDAY FIELD STUDIES

Every Friday classes are in session beginning Friday, August 24 through Friday, May 24, will be a “Friday Field Studies” day. On these Fridays, students are released from their usual school day at 1:30pm. From 1:30pm to 3:00pm, EMSA students will engage in an **outdoor environmental education program** on EMSA’s campus which will be led by local naturalists and field experts. After school programming will operate as usual. For more information, check out our website: <https://elginmathandscience.com/friday-field-studies/>

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*** We will need parent volunteers for each class of students for Friday Field Studies. Please let us know if you would like to sign up to help out on a Friday afternoon!

We expect EMSA families to be able to participate in many outdoor adventures on campus during the school year. Additional information about outdoor education at EMSA will be available at registration, during the **guided hiking tours of the property on Saturday 7/28 from 8:00am to Noon**, and information sessions for EMSA families during the fall.

VOLUNTEERING

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer for EMSA? Do you want to be a “Room Mom” or a “Friday Field Studies” helper? Would you like to roll up your sleeves and work with the Beautification Crew or help assemble and move furniture? Do you have certain skills, expertise or ways you would like to contribute to EMSA? Email us at info@emsacharter.org with your name, your student’s name and how you would like to help!

TRANSPORTATION

We have completed mapping out residences according to transportation needs. We will be working with our bus company to design routes and stops in the upcoming weeks.

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

July 17 is the current date we have been given to expect the forms to be available to EMSA. We will post forms to our website and have paper forms and assistance during Registration and Enrollment on July 26 & 27. See “Phase 2” of Registration” on our website for more information. ([Income Eligibility Guidelines.](#))

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Families must register in person at the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin Clubhouse on 355 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120. Ph# (847) 608-5017. *Summer Clubhouse hours: 8:00am – 7:00pm, Monday – Friday. (After school care will be located at EMSA.)*

PROJECT BACKPACK

project-backpack.org

Project Backpack is a community-based initiative led by [Elgin Community College](#) to benefit students in need, by offering appropriate resources to start a successful school year. Over 17,000 students have been helped since 2010! This year's event will take place on **Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.** (or until supply lasts) at [Elgin Community College's Event Center, Building J.](#)

PHASE 2 of REGISTRATION

Our “Phase 2” of Registration and Enrollment will be in-person at EMSA. We ask our families to stop in any time during the designated registration times:

Thursday, July 26: Noon – 7pm

Friday, July 27: 8am – Noon.

Please go to our website under “Parent Information” to find forms and requirements for this final step in finishing registration for your student. *Please see the [Registration Checklist.](#)*

CURRICULUM

Check out the [EL Education](#) and [Eureka Math](#) curriculum resources and links for our families on our website under “Parent Information”.

BACK-to-SCHOOL NIGHT

EMSA's **Back-to-School Night** will be on Tuesday, August 14th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm! Families are welcome to drop in at their convenience during our Back-to-School hours. We will do our best to accommodate all parking needs. **Your visit should only take about 15 minutes.** During the Back-to-School Night, you will have the opportunity to check out your student's classroom, meet your student's teacher and drop off your student's supplies.

August 15, First Day of School!

Reminder: Our staff and administration will continue to work out of our temporary office at 17 Douglas Avenue in downtown Elgin until we are ready to move in. If you need to contact us by phone, please call **(630) 254-4596**, or email us at info@emsacharter.org.

EMSA crew