



SECONDARY (6th-12th GRADE) PARENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a charter school?

Open-enrollment charter schools, such as NYOS, are free public schools that have the flexibility to adapt to the educational needs of individual students. Open-enrollment charter schools vary in mission and model, serving a wide range of students, many with needs beyond the one-size-fits-all traditional public school. Often, these charter schools provide a personalized learning environment that promotes greater student achievement. Although charter schools have some autonomy, they still must meet the rigorous academic standards dictated by the state for all public schools.

2. How big are the classes at NYOS?

Our class ratio is 18 students to 1 teacher.

3. Does NYOS have a Special Education/504 program?

Yes! Here is the link to more information about our Special Programs:

http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=219911&type=d

4. What does the original NYOS charter say?

Here is the link to Charter and amendments:

http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=229414&type=d&pREC_ID=521291

5. How do I pick up/drop off my students at the Lamar Campus?

Here is a link to the Pick-up/Drop off Map:

<http://nyos.edliotest.com/Pick%20up%20Map.pdf>

6. What is the NYOS Bus Schedule?

Morning Run

Depart Kramer 7:35am
Arrive at Lamar 7:50am
Depart Kramer 8:05am
Arrive at Lamar 8:25am

Afternoon Run

Depart Lamar 3:15pm
Arrive at Kramer 3:30pm
Depart Kramer 3:35pm
Arrive at Lamar 3:46pm
Depart Lamar 3:55pm
Arrive at Kramer 4:10pm

7. How do I serve my parent volunteer hours?

Volunteer needs are frequently posted on the NYOS Facebook and Twitter Pages as well as the NYOS Parents Facebook Group. Please follow/join these groups for the most up to date opportunities including Fall Fest and the NYOS Heart to Heart Run.

For additional ideas on how to get involved, please contact our PTA President at President@nyospta.org. Your child's homeroom teacher, club sponsor, or coach may also have volunteer ideas.

8. What are the public transit options for my student?

There is the Lamar/Yager bus stop on the 275 route in front of the NYOS Lamar Campus. For more information on the CapMetro Bus Schedules please visit: <http://www.capmetro.org/metrobus/>

9. How do I contact my child's teachers or the administration?

The website contains a Staff Directory (<http://www.nyos.org/apps/staff/>) for you to easily find and contact teachers through their website. You may also email a staff member directly using their email address. All staff emails are the first letter of their first name, entire last name, for example Mr. John Smith jsmith@nyos.org.

10. What are the start/end times for Middle School (6th & 7th) and High School (8th-12th)?

Middle School:

Start (M-F): 8:00am End (M-Th): 3:30pm End (F): 12:15pm

High School:

Start (M-F): 8:30am End (M-Th): 3:45pm End (F):12:40pm

11. Where can I find club/athletics information?

Clubs: http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=219929&type=d&pREC_ID=483295

Athletics: http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=348366&type=d&pREC_ID=757079

12. What is NYOS' mission and philosophy?

Mission:

At NYOS Charter School, we educate the whole student. We foster a collegial Pre-K – 12 program that challenges each learner with rigorous academics, innovative strategies and expectations for civic engagement.

Philosophy: Below is the link to the website that explains the philosophy in detail.

http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=216669&type=d&pREC_ID=477374

13. What is the parent portal and how do I access it?

The parent portal allows parents to stay informed about their children's' grades and attendance.

You can get your access code from the Registrar, Counselor, or Academic Advisor.

14. How will I receive communication from the school?

Mass parent notifications will be sent out through NYOS Newsletter, and they will also be posted on the NYOS Charter School Facebook Page and website. Parents can sign up for Newsletter by emailing Isela Valles at ivalles@nyos.org.

15. Does NYOS offer foreign languages?

Yes! 9th-12th grades have the choice of taking American Sign Language or Spanish on campus.

16. What electives are offered at NYOS?

Our Elective Catalog can be found at:

http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=369347&type=u&pREC_ID=791632

17. What is the dress/code and uniform policy at NYOS?

<https://d39smchmfovhlz.cloudfront.net/Yq2ZmvmYsVsEC19e8xi6gBQilKniG1DRe9q7w8dVi3eXirGO.pdf>

18. Where can I find the Student/Parent Handbook?

Student/Parent Handbook:

<https://d3jc3ahdjad7x7.cloudfront.net/lrkAeKVaQNLmVouNCS2b3Eq8YikS92LwSSR445WxVzPZowq0.pdf>

Code of Conduct: http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=239685&type=d&pREC_ID=552985

School Policies: http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=217442&type=d&pREC_ID=483356

19. Where can I find the School Calendar?

http://www.nyos.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=239400&type=d&pREC_ID=552310

20. How will I know if school is cancelled due to inclement weather?

NYOS follows Austin Independent School District with regards to closures due to weather. If necessary, NYOS will notify the school community by posting on its website and sending out an email notification to families. Also, please make sure to monitor your local news.

21. What if school is delayed on a Friday?

If a weather delay occurs on a Friday NYOS will continue classes through the afternoon and students will be dismissed based on a typical Monday – Thursday schedule.

Middle School: 3:30 PM High School: 3:45 PM

22. How should I report my student's absence from school?

Upon returning to school, students should provide a doctor's note or a note from home explaining the nature of the absence. Notes documenting absences must include dates and parent or medical professional signature or stamp. Notes should be submitted to classroom teachers in grades Pre-K – 5 and to the school receptionist for grades 6 – 12.

23. How many absences are allowed?

The Texas Administrative Code (TAC §25.085) requires that students must be present 90% of each semester. As recorded in the NYOS Student Handbook, we expect our students and parents to contain absenteeism to no more than seven (7) days per year, the equivalent of 96%.

24. What is an excused absence?

For consideration of compulsory attendance requirements and class credit, NYOS counts all absences, but will consider and excuse from the count (for purposes of assigning credit and promotion) absences relating to observance of religious holy days, mandated court appearance, college visits for juniors and seniors (2 days per year), and temporary absence for the purpose of an appointment with a health care professional if the student comes to school the day of the appointment, either before or after the appointment.

25. Can students bring and use their own computers or electronic devices?

We do allow students to bring their own laptops and we do allow students to use their laptops, phones or other devices in the classroom with teacher permission and for instructional purposes. All students must sign the NYOS Acceptable Use Policy.

26. How can I add funds to my student's lunch account?

Online accounts for student meals may be created with MYNUTRIKIDS. To enroll go to www.myschoolbucks.com . There is a \$1.75 charge for each transaction. If you have more than one student at NYOS, you will only be charged \$1.75 if you are adding to more than one account. Also you will need your student's ID number. You may call the cafeteria staff and they will be happy to provide this number if you need it.

27. May students bring medicine to school?

Students are not allowed to have any medication with them (in classrooms, desks, lockers, or backpacks). All medications must be kept in the nurse's office at all times. See [Student Handbook](#) to review procedures and guidelines for all grade levels.