

2020-21 Alpha & Omega Program Updates

Oakland Christian School delights in the ability to provide a safe, loving, and fun before and after school experience for all families in need of these services. Due to the new health and state licensing regulations, OCS will be implementing the following changes to our before and after school programs. Please read all information carefully.

Alpha (Before School Care)

Q: Will I be able to drop my child off at the school at 7:00 am?

A: OCS will no longer provide childcare from 7:00-7:30 am. The OCS building will open for student access beginning at 7:30 am. At this time **secondary** students will go directly to their first hour class in preparation for their 7:45 am start time. The **elementary** students will be directed to the gym for morning club, where they will have to wear masks until in their classroom. The **Early Education Center** will open for curbside drop-off from 7:30-8:10am.

Omega (After School Care)

Q: How will we be charged for Omega care?

A: Hourly child care charges are being replaced with a standard after school child care daily fee. Multiple children discounts will be given. See the last page of this document for child care prices.

Q: Will I be able to walk into the school building to pick my child up from Omega?

A: When arriving to pick your child up from Omega you will enter through the main Elementary lobby and stop at the welcome desk. The supervisor will call your child up to the lobby to be released to you. Parents will not be permitted to walk through the halls to pick up their child or items in their locker.

Q: What will I have to do to pick my child up from Omega?

A: Adults must have their child's sign in/out code or be listed as a pick up person on the Child Information Card. Parents may list high school aged children who drive to pick their child up on the Child Information Card, recognizing that OCS is no longer liable for that child after they leave the care of OCS Omega staff.

Elementary

Q: If I am running late or decide I want my child to stay after school can they drop in for the afternoon?

A: Drop-in after school care (Omega) will no longer be provided. Parents must sign up for care monthly, and will be billed accordingly. Children not picked up by 3:30 pm will remain in the elementary school lobby, supervised by an adult while a parent/guardian is contacted.

Q: Will my elementary aged child have to wear a face covering while in Omega?

A: In following the health department regulations, all elementary students will be required to wear a face covering while in the Omega classrooms. Children will not be required to wear a face covering while outside.

Q: Will my child have opportunities to play outside every day?

A: Omega children will remain outside for at least one hour each day, weather permitting. Ample materials will be provided to encourage a safe, fun, and active experience.

Q: Where will my child be while in Omega?

A: While in the building, children will be divided between two classrooms, the elementary art room and elementary library, to ensure each child has ample space to engage in fun table top activities with their peers.

Q: What activities will be available for my child to participate in while in Omega?

A: Bins of sanitized games, toys, and materials will be made available for children to work with. Children will be encouraged to remain in small groups or individually use materials from one bin while engaging with their peers.

Q: Will my child be able to bring toys or devices from home to play with while in Omega?

A: Children will not be allowed to bring items from home to play with in Omega. We will provide ample materials for each child to engage with.

Q: How will proper hygiene be supported and maintained?

A: Hand sanitizer will be available to children in each classroom to use after using the provided materials. Frequent hand washing will also be encouraged after eating, playing outside, and bathrooming.

Q: Will my child be able to have a snack after school?

A: Snacks will be made available for purchase. Parents are encouraged to create an after school snack account to allow their children to purchase snacks. Children are welcome to bring their own nut free snacks to have during Omega.

Secondary

Q: Will my Middle School child be able to join Omega last minute?

A: Middle school parents will be required to sign up for their after school childcare needs monthly, and will be billed accordingly. Drop in care will only be provided for athletic club students with unexpected cancelations in games or practices and are not picked up by 3:15pm. Athletic club drop in students will be charged the daily childcare fee.

Q: Where will Middle School students meet for Omega?

A: The Middle School students will gather in the Middle School science room.

Q: What will my Middle School student do during Omega?

A: Students will be allowed to use their devices during Omega care. Games and some art supplies will be provided to the students during Omega.

Q: Will my child have an opportunity to go outside during Omega?

A: Students will be encouraged to go outside every day to support active outdoor opportunities and mask free fun. In winter months, outdoor activities will be encouraged if students are dressed appropriately for safe outdoor time.

Q: Will my child have to wear a face covering during Omega?

A: Students will be required to wear a face covering while in the building during Omega. Students will not be required to wear a face covering while outside.

Early Education Center

Q: Will my child be able to stay after school if not scheduled for childcare?

A: The EEC daily schedule ends at 12:00 pm. Parents will be required to schedule their after school childcare needs monthly in order to stay for childcare. Childcare is also available from 3:00-6:00pm. Children staying between 12-3pm and 3-6pm will be charged set afternoon prices. See the attached page for the daily childcare fees.

Q: Will EEC students be allowed to stay for lunch and be picked up after lunch?

A: Children who are not scheduled for afternoon childcare will not be permitted to stay and be picked up after lunch. Families must schedule their childcare needs monthly.

Q: What will my child do during Omega?

A: Children staying after 12:00 pm will participate in lunch, nap, snack, and free play until 3:00pm. The EEC children will remain in the Early Education Center or outside on the playground during the 3-6pm after school care. While outside, EEC children will be separated from the elementary aged students with traffic cone barriers but will have ample space to play and explore. EEC children will remain outside for at least 1 hour in the afternoon, weather permitting.

OCS Omega Prices

All families will be required to schedule their childcare needs on a monthly basis. Changes can be made throughout the month by contacting Stephanie Mendenhall at smendenhall@oaklandchristian.com

	1 Child per day	2 children per day	3 children per day	4 children per day
EEC 12:00-3:00pm *snack included	\$15	N/A	N/A	N/A
EEC 3:00-6:00pm	\$10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Elementary (3:15-6:00 pm) Secondary (3:00-6:00 pm)	\$10	\$18	\$25	\$30

*Students attending a paid after school club or sport will pay half the Omega charge if attending Omega before or after the club/sport.