



## 2023 - 2024 Back to School FAQ

### 1. What is the school uniform policy?

For the 2023-2024 school year, Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School will be implementing a school uniform policy. For all students:

Bottoms: khaki or navy-blue uniform pants, shorts, skirt, or jumper. Jeans.

Tops: white, navy blue or light blue polo or any Carrillo Elementary shirt (*Carrillo spirit shirts can be purchased from PTO*)

No rolling backpacks allowed.

### 2. What are the school hours?

For all grades, school starts at 7:30am and ends at 3:00pm. Drop off begins at 7:15am. Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School is not responsible for children left unattended prior to 7:15am.

### 3. When is the first day of school?

The first day of school is on Monday, August 28, 2023.

### 4. What school supplies do I need to buy?

You can find the school supply list by grade level program on the school website at [www.houstonisd.org/carrillo](http://www.houstonisd.org/carrillo)

### 5. Will there be an after-school program this year?

Yes. For the 2023-2024 school year, the YMCA will provide an after-school program at Carrillo.

Grades: PK – 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday – Friday, school dismissal – 6pm

After School Care: \$140 a month, plus a \$40 registration fee.

To register for this, please visit [YMCA After School Registration](#)

**6. What do I need to do if I want to register my child at Carrillo Elementary?**

If you live within our school boundary zone, you may visit our campus in-person Monday – Thursday anytime from 7:30am – 4:00pm. Please be sure to bring the following items with you. Those with incomplete items will not be officially registered.

- Child's birth certificate and social security card
- Child's updated immunization records
- A recent utility bill (we can only accept water, gas or electric bill) Bills older than 2 months will not be taken.
- Parent ID card
- School records from previous school (only for grades 1-5)

**7. I recently moved; can my child still attend Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School?**

If your child attended Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School during the 2022-2023 school year, then please call 713-924-1870 to update your address and we will help answer your questions.

If your child did not attend Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School this past school year, and you recently moved into our boundary zone, please refer to question and answer #6 to register.

If your child did not attend Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School this past school year, and you do not live within our boundary zone, please visit [www.houstonisd.org/schoolchoice](http://www.houstonisd.org/schoolchoice) for more information on applications and deadlines. We currently only have limited space and in only certain grade levels; therefore, we cannot guarantee any new spots.

**8. I submitted a Pre-K application for my child, how do I know if they were accepted?**

All accepted and registered students will be notified via phone or mail by July 31, 2023. If you have not heard by then, please call 713-924-1870 and ask for Mrs. Avalos, or you can email her at [RAVALOSD@houstonisd.org](mailto:RAVALOSD@houstonisd.org)

**9. What do I do if I want my child tested for GT?**

Testing dates will be released at the end of September 2023.

**10. When school starts, can I walk my child into class?**

For safety reasons, parents are not allowed to walk their child inside the building. Please drop off using the morning procedures listed on our school website.

**11. My child is riding the HISD school bus, how will I know which bus and what time they will pick up/ drop off my child?**

You can find information regarding HISD transportation at

<https://www.houstonisd.org/transportation>

If you have questions specific to transportation at Carrillo Vanguard Elementary School, please email Mrs. Santiago, our Magnet Coordinator at [esantiag@houstonisd.org](mailto:esantiag@houstonisd.org)

**12. Will my child be issued a laptop for the 2023-2024 school year?**

All students are issued an electronic device according to their grade level. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten are issued iPads. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are issued student chromebooks. All devices will remain in the classroom. Students are not allowed to take devices home. Technology equipment is used for the purpose of learning student objectives and enhancing student productivity.

**13. Will I be able to visit and eat with my child during his/her lunch?**

At this time, for safety reasons, we will not allow parents (or adult relatives) to join their child for lunch.

**14. Since I cannot have lunch with my child, can I drop his/her lunch instead?**

You can drop off lunch for your child. We ask that you please label it with your child's name, grade, and teacher's name. We will not interrupt instruction and drop food off to the classroom. The food will be placed in the "lunch pick up table" located next to the receptionist area, and it will be the child's responsibility to pick it up once they pass the area to line up for lunch. We are not responsible for warming up food.

**15. How can parents stay informed with school communications?**

Please sign up for our school remind app. You will receive weekly text messages with important announcements and the principal's weekly newsletter. Follow the instructions below.



## Sign up for important updates from Principal Lopez.

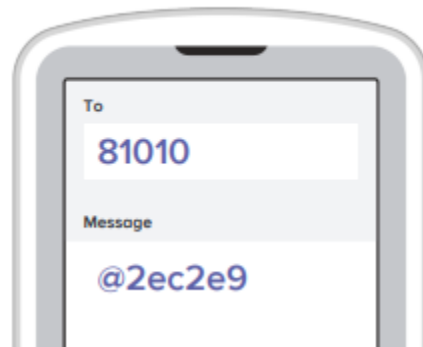
Get information for Carrillo Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.

**If you don't have a smartphone,  
get text notifications.**

Text the message @2ec2e9 to the number  
81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try  
texting @2ec2e9 to (901) 466-8785.

*\* Standard text message rates apply.*



If you have any other questions that are not listed here, please feel free to call us at 713-924-1870.