

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Orientation 2025

Schedule

What is the schedule for orientation week?

Below is an overview of the schedule for orientation week. There will be events for families from Tuesday through Thursday and students will begin their integration into our school community via student activities starting on Tuesday as well. ***Please note that the schedule is tentative and subject to change. A finalized and detailed schedule will be sent later this summer***

Tuesday (August 26):

- New student arrival day (*all new students should arrive in Geneva no later than 17:00*)
- New student orientation check-in

Wednesday (August 27) and Thursday (August 28):

- New student placement testing
- New student academic advising
- New family sessions/events
- Parent reception (*all new and returning families are welcome*)

Friday (August 29) to Sunday (August 31):

- All school events and excursions
- New student biometric trip to Lausanne (*if required*)

All returning students are expected to be on campus August 28.

What time should new families arrive at orientation on Tuesday 26 August?

New student orientation is open from 09:00-18:00 on Tuesday 26 August, but we encourage families to arrive during the first few hours because there are many things to do during the orientation check-in.

When does LAS suggest that new families leave Leysin?

So that your child can acclimate to life at LAS, we suggest that families of new students depart on the morning of Friday 29 August.

Hotels

What hotels does the school recommend for families to stay in?

Please refer to the Leysin Tourism website for hotel suggestions:

<https://www.alpesvaudoises.ch/en/stories/leysin>

Is it okay to stay in hotels outside of Leysin?

Because there are some events in the evening, we suggest that all families stay in Leysin.



Transportation

Is there transportation from the Geneva airport (GVA) to Leysin?

Yes. On Tuesday 26 August (for new students) and Thursday 28 August (for returning students) LAS will have a welcome desk at the airport and will run shuttle buses from GVA to LAS at 09:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, and 18:30, plus a late bus for any students' whose flights are delayed at 21:00 (travel time from GVA to LAS is approximately 2 hours). All students should plan for their flight to land at GVA no later than 17:00 on their arrival day.

My child is arriving alone to the Geneva airport. How can they get to Leysin?

LAS staff will be at a welcome desk in the arrivals area of GVA Tuesday 26 August (for new students) and Thursday 28 August (for returning students) and students can then take the shuttle bus from GVA to LAS. If your child arrives after the final shuttle, a special transfer will be arranged at an additional cost.

Can families take the shuttle bus from GVA to LAS?

Yes, but please make a reservation prior to arrival by emailing our Travel Office (travel@las.ch)

How can we get around Leysin if we do not have a rental car?

LAS will operate shuttles in a loop between Belle Époque campus and the dormitories. There is also a taxi service in town and the number is +41 78 875 7102.

Uniforms

When will my child be able to try on their uniforms?

New students can try on and purchase uniform items during orientation on Tuesday 26 August, and the Campus Store will have additional opening hours throughout the week. Returning students may use their uniform items from last year, or purchase replacement items if needed. [Read more about the LAS Uniform here](#). Alteration services are available—students can have uniform items altered for free.

Residential Life

When can we go to the dormitory and set up our child's room? When are families allowed in the dormitories?

After checking in for new student orientation at the Belle Époque campus on Tuesday 26 August, families can go with their child to their dormitory. Families are only allowed in the dormitories between 10:00 and 19:00 and only when their own child is accompanying them.

When must my child sleep in the dorm?

It is required that all students begin sleeping in the dorms on the day of their arrival (Tuesday 26 August for new students) so they can adjust to dorm life.

When will my child find out who their roommates are?

Students will find out about their roommates upon arrival in the dorm.

Will there be time to shop for items for my child's dorm room?

Yes, there will be some free time between Tuesday and Thursday if you wish to shop for dorm room items. Note that stores are limited in Leysin but there are many online stores with delivery options.



Can I leave my child's medications with them in their dorm room?

Do not send your student to LAS with ANY medications unless accompanied by a diagnostic report from the prescribing doctor as well as the medical prescription with medication name, ingredient(s), and dosage clearly labeled in English. This includes over the counter or as needed medications from your home country. Students are not allowed to keep medication in the dorm unless it is approved by the nurse (e.g. prescription or vitamins). If a student is ill or injured and needs medication, the LAS Health Center will provide them what they need, whether by scheduling them to see a doctor for a prescription, or providing over the counter medication. Please contact us at nurses@las.ch with any questions or concerns.

Shipping and Luggage

What is the address for shipping our child's items to LAS before school starts?

Your child's name
c/o Leysin American School
Chemin de La Source 3
1854 Leysin
Switzerland

Where will we find the luggage and boxes that we sent ahead over the summer?

All items will be delivered to the student's room.

Visa and Student Resident Permits

If we have already applied for our child's Swiss Student Entry Visa (if required), do we need to do anything further in order for them to obtain a Student Resident Permit?

No, the LAS Travel Office will handle the rest of the process.

Other Orientation Questions

Will I be able to accompany my child to orientation and help them with the process?

Yes, all families are welcome at orientation! However, if you are not able to be in Leysin with your child do not worry—we have staff and student leaders who will help them through each step of the process.

Are there orientation events that are only for students or only for families?

Yes. All family events will be indicated on the schedule and we hope that you will join us for those events!

What is the dress code for families?

Casual or smart-casual. The LAS campus is in a mountain village, so please wear comfortable shoes for walking between buildings.

Where will the orientation take place?

Most events will take place at the Belle Époque campus. If you are driving and using GPS, the address is Chemin de La Source 3, 1854 Leysin. Parking is available in front of and to the side of the building.



What electrical plugs are used in Switzerland?

Only electrical items that run on 230 volts (EU standard) and use either a type C or type J plug (Swiss standard) are allowed. Plug type C is the plug that has two round pins and plug type J is the plug that has three round pins. Please note that air conditioning units are not allowed.

