

Jackson Charter School Policy

Policy #100.3 - SAFETY CONDITIONS AND PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

OVERVIEW

The practice of safety will be considered an integral part of the instructional program and will be promoted through a thorough understanding of Jackson Charter School's protocols and practices regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. These practices and procedures are based in part on guidance from multiple sources including: the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the World Health Organization, the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH"), the Winnebago County Department of Public Health, and the offices of the Governor for Illinois. This is a fluid document, based on Local, State and Federal guidelines, that will continue to develop over time. As changes are made to this policy, updates will be given to students.

PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to serve as guidelines for staff for Jackson Charter School re-opening activities. The purpose of this policy is to achieve the following goals:

- Maximize the protection of lives of staff, students, and community members while minimizing educational and social disruption.
- Enable Jackson Charter School to continue to operate and provide services as normally and effectively as possible.
- Develop a communications plan to ensure that students receive timely and accurate information regarding disease prevention strategies and infection control strategies.

CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Schools are currently open, and students have had the opportunity to choose either in-person learning or virtual instruction. Schedules, classroom spaces, and day-to-day operations will be adjusted to allow for social distancing and smaller groupings in accordance with CDC, IDPH and the Winnebago County Department of Public Health guidance.

KEY STRATEGIES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

Temperature Checks

Students will be required to have their temperatures taken upon entering the school building each day, with no exceptions. Jackson will use infrared temperature thermometers to take the temperature of each student entering the building.

The protocol for temperature testing will be as follows:

Morning Temperature Check

- a) Upon arrival to the school building between 7:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. students will be given an infrared temperature screening by either the school nurse or a designated administrator who will be stationed at student accessible entrances to the school building;
- b) Should a student arrive after the beginning of the school day and miss the temperature check window, they will be required to:
 - a. Report to the nurse's office for a temperature screening upon arrival to the school building.

Temperature Recording/Quarantine Procedures

- a) Should a student have a temperature of over 100.4 degrees, they will be sent home for the day and will not be permitted to enter the building.
- b) In accordance with current practice, once a student is symptom-free for 24 hours, they will be permitted to return to school, absent a COVID-19 quarantine order dictating a longer period of self-isolation.
- c) Should a student be required to undergo a quarantine by either a Federal, State, or Local government entity or a licensed Physician, the student's family/guardian is directed to contact the school Principal, Shavina Baker to set up virtual instruction during this time.
- d) If a student is suspected to have COVID-19 or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the student should follow steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 if they are sick. Students should not return to school until they meet the criteria to discontinue home isolation and/or have consulted with a healthcare provider and State or Local Health Department.

Students exhibiting COVID-19-like symptoms at home

Should a student begin exhibiting any COVID-19-like symptoms outside of the school day, in accordance with current practice, the student's family/guardian is directed to contact the school Nurse, Penny Rickard to notify the school that the student should be expected to be absent during the following school day.

Students exhibiting COVID-19-like symptoms at school

Should a student begin exhibiting a COVID-19-like symptom during the school day, they will be directed to report to the school nurse. Family/Guardians will be contacted and expected to pick up the student from school in accordance with the protocols outlined in the Student Handbook.

Jackson Charter School's standard practice regarding student illnesses is that a student should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school. Unless otherwise instructed by the Winnebago County Public Health Department for the purposes of a suspected COVID-19-related illness or quarantine, this practice will remain in effect.

Quarantine Protocols

Consistent with CDC's recommendations, students with COVID-19 symptoms should seek out a healthcare provider for evaluation and potential testing. Should a COVID-19 test be warranted, waiting for test results prior to returning to school is preferred to ensure that students and staff in the building are safe.

Should a student test positive for COVID-19, Jackson Charter School will follow the guidance of the Winnebago County Public Health Department regarding contact tracing, required quarantines, and notification requirements.

Face Coverings while on School Premises

As part of the safety protocols and procedures in place to protect the health and safety of students and staff at Jackson, students are required to wear a face mask/covering at all times while on school grounds, absent appropriate medical documentation excusing this requirement.

Staff are instructed to ensure that all students wear face masks while in the school building, absent appropriate medical documentation excusing this requirement. Should a student request to not wear a face mask due to a medical limitation, the student's family/guardian is directed to contact the school Nurse, Penny Rickard, to determine if appropriate face mask alternatives are available and/or appropriate. Should a student's educational plan require a student/staff member to not wear a face mask, a student's family/guardian is directed to contact the Director of Special Education and Student Support, Emily Wallen, to determine if appropriate face mask alternatives are available and/or appropriate.

As a reminder, Students each received a copy of the 2020-2021 Jackson Student Handbook at the beginning of the school year. As outlined in the 2020-2021 Jackson Student Handbook, the Student Dress Code (pgs 19-21) states that a failure to adhere to the requirements set forth in the Student Dress Code will be considered a violation of school rules and disciplinary consequences may be assigned. The 2020-2021 Jackson Student Handbook Dress Code states the following regarding the requirement of students to wear face masks/coverings:

DRESS CODE

The spirit of the Uniform Dress Code is to create the best possible learning community for all students. It is our belief that good dress and work habits reflect a proper school attitude. Students are expected to be dressed in their school uniform and groomed in a manner that will not be disruptive to the educational process, constitute a health or safety hazard, or violate civil law. They are required to be in proper school uniform dress code during school hours, while on campus, on school transportation, and on field trips, unless otherwise notified.

Students at Jackson are required to wear school uniforms every day. Students are not allowed to change clothing prior to exiting the building. The uniform policy is mandatory and all students are expected to be dressed in full uniform every day. There will be no

exceptions or adjustments to the uniform policy.

THE STANDARD UNIFORM

Boys K-5

- Solid khaki pants or shorts
- Navy blue polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- White polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Navy blue sweater vest *or* navy blue cardigan must be worn with polo
- Dress or casual shoes
- Solid black or brown belt
- Solid black, brown, white, or navy blue socks
- **Face Masks/Coverings***

Girls K-5

- Solid khaki pants, skirt, skort, shorts or jumper
- Navy blue polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- White polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Navy blue sweater vest *or* navy blue cardigan must be worn with polo
- dress casual shoes
- Solid black or brown belt
- Solid black, brown, white, or navy blue socks or tights
- **Face Masks/Coverings***

*Per guidance from the IDPH and CDC, **face masks and coverings are to be worn at all times.** Should this guidance change, Jackson will send a communication to all parents with updated expectations for Face Masks/Coverings. Please contact school administration if you have any questions or concerns regarding the face mask/covering dress code requirement.