

Jacksboro Elementary School



**Student Handbook
2020-2021**

Appendix: Jacksboro Elementary Specific

Kindergarten Acceleration

In accordance with State Board rules, the Board shall approve procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee to allow a child who is five years old at the beginning of the school year to be assigned initially to grade 1 rather than kindergarten. Criteria for acceleration may include:

1. Scores on readiness tests or achievement tests that may be administered by appropriate District personnel.
2. Recommendation of the kindergarten or preschool the student has attended.
3. Chronological age and observed social and emotional development of the student.
4. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal and Superintendent.

Grading Guidelines

Grading guidelines for each grade level or course will be communicated and distributed to students and their parents by the classroom teacher. These guidelines have been reviewed by each applicable curriculum department and have been approved by the campus principal. These guidelines establish the minimum number of assignments, projects, and examinations required for each grading period. In addition, these guidelines establish how the student's mastery of concepts and achievement will be communicated (i.e., letter grades, numerical averages, checklist of required skills, etc.). Grading guidelines also outline in what circumstances a student will be allowed to redo an assignment or retake an examination for which the student originally made a failing grade.

Honor Roll

Students are recognized for making the "A" honor roll and the "A-B" honor roll for each six-week period. Only academic classes are considered for the honor rolls.

Awards

Awards will be given for attendance, grades, accelerated reader, spelling bee, and UIL. Other awards may be given by grade level or class.

State Assessment (STAAR)

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, test will be given in the spring of each year. Students will be tested in the following subjects:

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| Grade 3 | STAAR reading and mathematics |
| Grade 4 | STAAR reading, mathematics, and writing |

Grade 5 STAAR reading, mathematics and science

Students in the 5th grade must pass the math and reading STAAR test in order to be promoted to the 6th grade. There will be multiple retesting opportunities for students who are not successful on the first attempt.

STAAR Alternate, for students receiving special education services, will be available for eligible students, as determined by the student's ARD committee.

Summer School

Summer school may be scheduled as needed for students who have not met requirements for promotion from one grade level to the next. Jacksboro Elementary School students who are not promoted at the end of the regular school year may be required to take **all** subjects offered during the summer session in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

Summer STAAR Remediation

Summer STAAR remediation courses may be required for students who do not meet passing standards on any portion of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness. If students are assigned summer STAAR remediation and do not attend, they may be required to take a STAAR remediation course during the following school year in lieu of an elective course.

Citizenship

Citizenship grades will be given each six-week period. Letter grades will be used for citizenship with S indicating satisfactory and U indicating unsatisfactory citizenship.

Tutorials

Tutorials for each grade level or course will be communicated and distributed to students and their parents by the classroom teacher. These guidelines have been reviewed by each applicable curriculum department and have been approved by the campus principal.

Cell Phone Use

students are not allowed to use, display, or have in operational mode a cellular phone at school during the school day. If a cell phone is seen or heard during the school day (upon arrival on school grounds until completely out of the buildings at the end of the school day), it will be taken up, with all of its original contents (battery, SIM card, etc.) and taken to the office. Failure to release a cell phone to a school employee will result in further disciplinary action. Violation of this policy will result in:

1st offense—the cell phone will be taken to the principal's office and the student's parents must come to school to pick up the phone.

2nd offense—the cell phone will be taken to the principal's office, the student's parents must come to school to pick up the phone and a \$15 fine will be assessed before the phone is released to the parent/guardian.

3rd offense—the cell phone will be taken to the principal's office where it will be kept until the end of the current school year. SIM cards will not be released under any circumstances.

A student who uses their cell phone or tablet to take pictures/text information that is demeaning and/or degrading about another student/teacher will have their cell phone or tablet confiscated. They will lose their technology privileges for the remainder of the year, plus face other disciplinary action up to and including suspension or placement in the DAEP.

Courtesy

Courtesy, manners, and respect for the staff and other students will be stressed throughout the year. Students are expected to behave in a manner that is courteous and respectful to all individuals. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Lost and Found

Articles, which are lost or found may be picked up or turned in to the office. Coats will be in a lost and found on the stage. **The student's name needs to be written on all coats, bags, shoes, PE clothes, etc.**

Stealing

Stealing is unethical and illegal. Stealing is a serious offense and will be dealt with in a serious manner with serious consequences. Stealing involves taking something that does not belong to you or finding an item that does not belong to you and keeping it for yourself without attempting to locate the rightful owner.

Playground

Because of the limited space and safety factor, there are a few rules that must be obeyed.

- Students must stay in their area of the playground. No rough play of any kind. Rough play leads to disagreements and fights.
- No throwing trash on the playground. Trash cans are provided.

When students violate the playground rules, they may be taken off the playground, be assigned to clean up the playground, or receive D-Hall, ISS, or DAEP.

School Phone

The school phone is to be used for school business. Students should not ask to use the phone except in cases of emergencies. Students will not be called out of class to talk on the phone unless it is an emergency situation.

Gifted and Talented

Teachers, parents or community members may nominate a student to be tested for the gifted and talented program in the month of January.

Student Council

The Jacksboro Elementary School Student Council is a service organization that is made up of elected officers, class representatives, and associate members. In order to serve as an elected officer or representative, a student must be in good academic standing.

DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Jacksboro ISD has instituted a Discipline Alternative Education Program for those students who choose not to function within the guidelines of the school district. The Student Code of Conduct provides specific examples of reasons that students may be placed in DAEP. The number of days assigned to DAEP will be determined by the severity and/or frequency of the offenses. DAEP will be held at the elementary campus or directed by the principal.