



2023-2024

JohnsonSTEAM
Academy

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Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics

Calendar & Family Handbook





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JOHNSON STEAM ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

The Johnson STEAM Academy community guides all learners to discover their passions through innovative learning experiences.

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Main Office..... 558-2174

Health Clinic558-2711

Counseling 558-2729

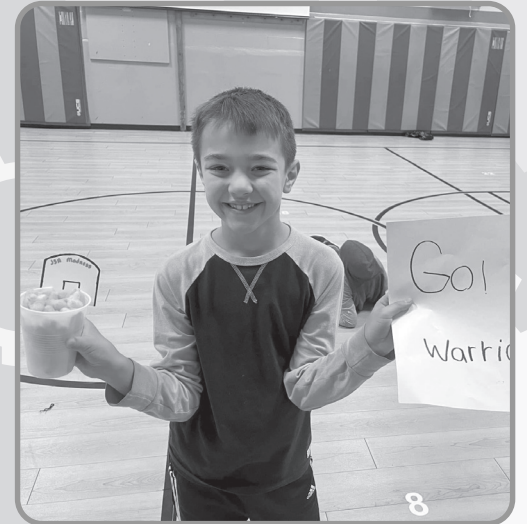
Attendance..... 558-2090

Principal: Jennykaye Hampton

Phone: 558-2174

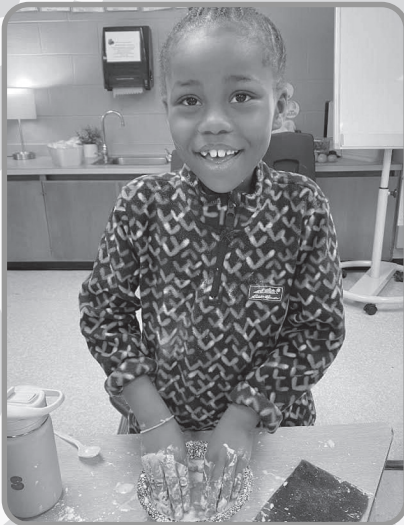
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AUGUST



2023	AUGUST					2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 New Teacher Pre-Service	10 New Teacher Pre-Service	11 New Teacher Pre-Service	12
13	14 New Teacher Pre-Service	15	16	17 Staff Learning Day	18 Staff Learning Day	19
20	21 Staff Learning Day	22 Staff Learning Day	23 Day 1 First Day of Classes- Early Dismissal 2:20	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	26
27	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31		

SEPTEMBER



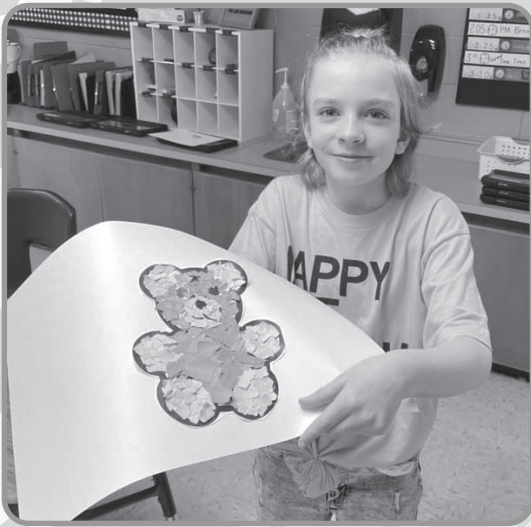
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Day 1 1 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	2
3	4 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	Day 2 5	Day 3 6	Day 1 7	Day 2 8 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	9
10	Day 3 11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13	Day 3 14	Day 1 15 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20 Rosh Hashanah September 15 - 17	16
17	Day 2 18	Day 3 19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	Day 3 22 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	23
24 Yom Kippur September 24 - 25	Day 1 25	Day 2 26	Day 3 27	Day 1 28	Day 2 29 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	30

OCTOBER



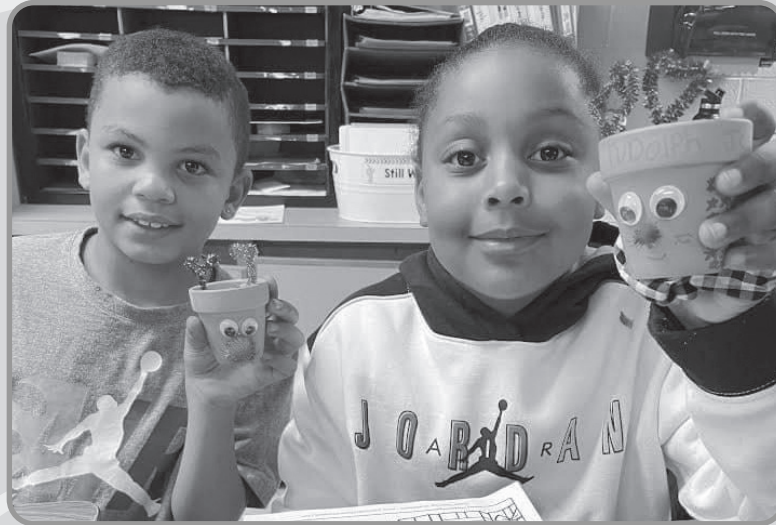
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Day 3 2	Day 1 3	Day 2 4	Day 3 5	Day 1 6 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	7
8	9 Staff Learning Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Columbus Day	Day 2 10	Day 3 11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	14
15	Day 3 16	Day 1 17	Day 2 18	Day 3 19	Day 1 20 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	21
22	23 Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Day 2 24	Day 3 25	Day 1 26	Day 2 27 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	28
29	Day 3 30	Day 1 31				

NOVEMBER



2023	NOVEMBER					2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Day 2 1	Day 3 2	Day 1 3 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	4
5	Day 2 6	Day 3 7	Day 1 8	Day 2 9	Day 3 10 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	11 Veteran’s Day
12	Day 1 13	Day 2 14	Day 3 15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	18
19	Day 3 20	Day 1 21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
			HOLIDAY BREAK			
26	Day 2 27	Day 3 28	Day 1 29	Day 2 30		

DECEMBER



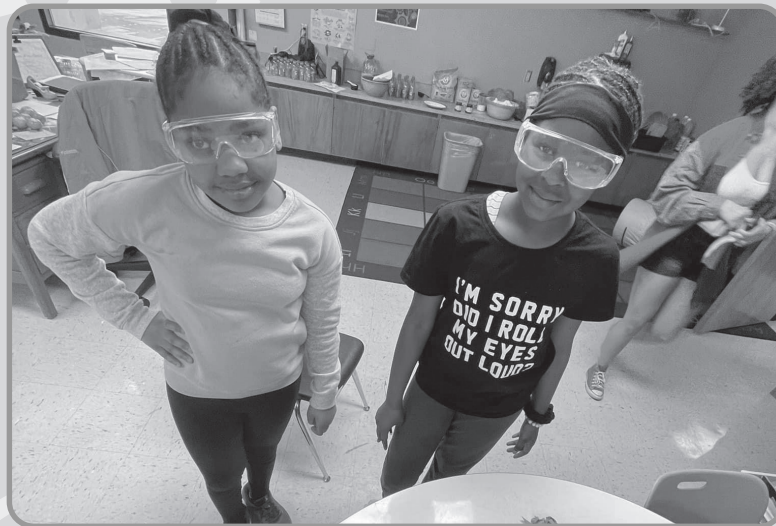
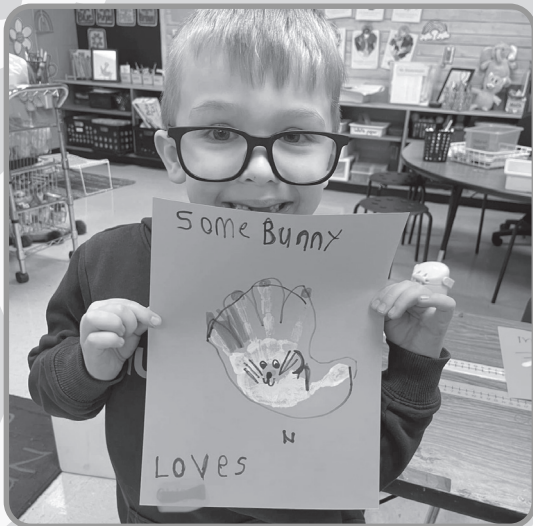
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Day 3 1 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	2
3	Day 1 4	Day 2 5	Day 3 6	Day 1 7 <i>Hanukkah December 7–15</i>	Day 2 8 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	9
10	Day 3 11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13	Day 3 14	Day 1 15 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	16
17	Day 2 18	Day 3 19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	22 HOLIDAY BREAK	23
24	Christmas 25	Kwanza Dec 26 – Jan 1 26	27	28	29	30
31	HOLIDAY BREAK					

JANUARY



2024	JANUARY					2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div>1</div> <div>New Year's Day</div> <div>HOLIDAY BREAK</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Teacher Comp Day –</div> <div>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</div>	<div>Day 3</div> <div>3</div>	<div>Day 1</div> <div>4</div>	<div>Day 2</div> <div>5</div> <div>Staff Learning Day –</div> <div>Early Dismissal 2:20</div>	<div>6</div>
<div>7</div>	<div>Day 3</div> <div>8</div>	<div>Day 1</div> <div>9</div>	<div>Day 2</div> <div>10</div>	<div>Day 3</div> <div>11</div>	<div>Day 1</div> <div>12</div> <div>Staff Learning Day –</div> <div>Early Dismissal 2:20</div>	<div>13</div>
<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Teacher Comp Day –</div> <div>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</div> <div>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Staff Learning Day –</div> <div>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</div>	<div>Day 2</div> <div>17</div>	<div>Day 3</div> <div>18</div>	<div>Day 1</div> <div>19</div> <div>Staff Learning Day –</div> <div>Early Dismissal 2:20</div>	<div>20</div>
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FEBRUARY



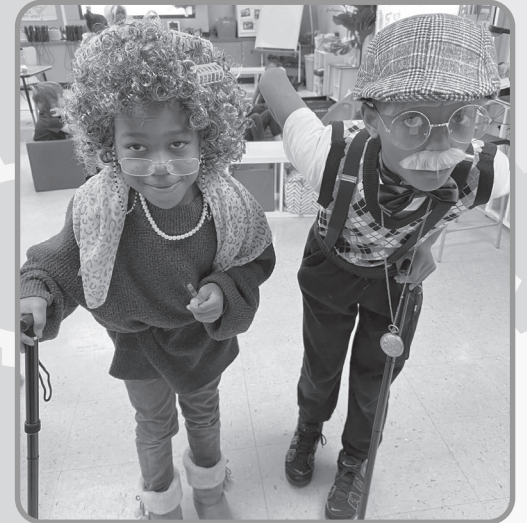
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Day 1 1	Day 2 2 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	3
4	5 <i>Staff Progress Reporting Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</i>	Day 3 6	Day 1 7	Day 2 8	Day 3 9 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	10
11	Day 1 12 <i>Lincoln’s Birthday</i>	Day 2 13	Day 3 14	Day 1 15	Day 2 16 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	17
18	Day 3 19 <i>President’s Day Washington’s Birthday</i>	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	Day 3 22	Day 1 23 <i>Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20</i>	24
25	26 <i>Teacher Comp Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</i>	Day 2 27	Day 3 28	Day 1 29		

MARCH



2024	MARCH					2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Day 2 1 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	2
3	Day 3 4	Day 1 5	Day 2 6	Day 3 7	Day 1 8 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	SPRING BREAK/HOLIDAY					
17	Day 2 18	Day 3 19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	Day 3 22 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	23
24	Day 1 25	Day 2 26	Day 3 27	Day 1 28	Day 2 29 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	30
Easter 31						

APRIL



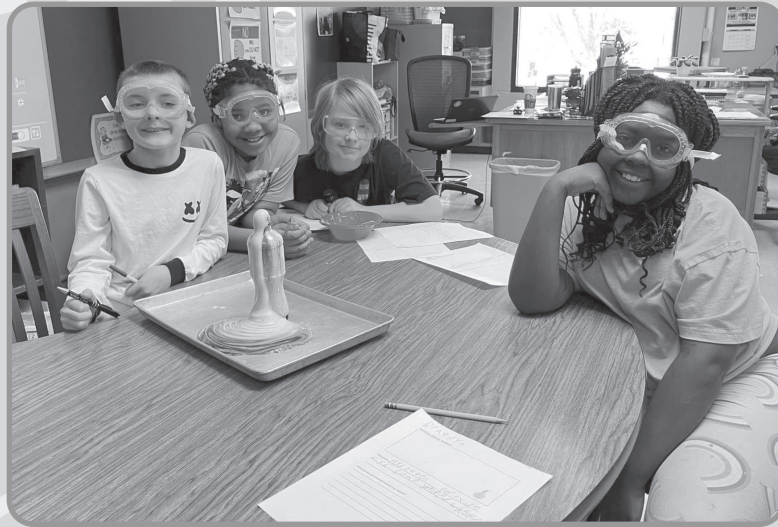
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	Day 2 8	Day 3 9	Day 1 10	Day 2 11	Day 3 12 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	13
14	Day 1 15	Day 2 16	Day 3 17	Day 1 18	Day 2 19 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL Jewish Passover April 22-30	Day 3 23	Day 1 24	Day 2 25	Day 3 26 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	27
28	Day 1 29	Day 2 30				

MAY



2024	MAY					2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Day 3 1	Day 1 2	Day 2 3 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	4
5 Orthodox Easter	Day 3 6	Day 1 7	Day 2 8	Day 3 9 Eid-al-Fitr April 9-10	Day 1 10 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	11
12	Day 2 13	Day 3 14	Day 1 15	Day 2 16	Day 3 17 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	18
19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	Day 3 22	Day 1 23	Day 2 24 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	25
26	27 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	Day 3 28	Day 1 29	Day 2 30	Day 3 31 Staff Learning Day – Early Dismissal 2:20	

JUNE



2024	JUNE					2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	Day 1 Last Day of School3	4 Staff Learning Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	5 Potential Inclement Weather Makeup Day	6 Potential Inclement Weather Makeup Day	7 Potential Inclement Weather Makeup Day	8
9	10 Potential Inclement Weather Makeup Day	11 Potential Inclement Weather Makeup Day	12 Potential Inclement Weather Makeup Day	13 Orthodox Ascension	14	15
16 Eid al-Adha June 16–18	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

JULY



2024	JULY					2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JOHNSON STEAM ACADEMY MAGNET SCHOOL

Welcome to Johnson STEAM Academy (JSA)! We are so happy that you are a part of our learning community. Johnson is a special kind of school where learning comes to life. Here, children are valued as capable learners and honored for their gifts - no matter what they are. We help students own their learning through giving them structured choice, providing innovative learning experiences, and helping them to have a voice in their education.

Johnson opened their doors as Johnson STEAM Academy Magnet School in the fall of 2015. A Magnet School is a theme-based school, in Johnson's case our theme is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). A Magnet School offers families a choice in the type of learning environment that they would like for their child(ren). While JSA remains a neighborhood school, some slots are made available for students whose families live outside the Johnson attendance area. These slots were filled through a lottery process.

It is the mission of JSA to guide all learners to discover their passions through innovative learning experiences. We teach STEAM content through an integrated approach using hands-on, project based learning to increase student engagement, daily attendance rates, and academic proficiency. We are igniting passion, cultivating, character, and helping students in achieving their dreams.

ABSENCES AND ATTENDANCE

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Regular attendance, as well as being on time to school and class, is essential for students to obtain the maximum benefit from school and take full advantage of educational opportunities provided by the district. Students and guardians are required to follow District and school rules and procedures regarding attendance as outlined in Board policy 602 and to align with the State of Iowa's Compulsory Education Law Chapter 299.

The Cedar Rapids Community School District believes that excessive student absenteeism and tardiness is an early warning sign of poor academic achievement and puts students at risk of dropping out of school. An absence is any time a student does not access instruction (physically or remotely as designated). Absences will be recorded as part of a student's attendance record and tracked through Infinite Campus.

Absences: It is the responsibility of the guardian to notify the student's attendance center as soon as the guardian knows the student will not be attending school. This can be done via phone call or email listed above 24 hours a day. If the school is not notified of the absence, it will be counted as unexcused. The guardian may rectify this by giving verbal or email notice within two days of the reason for the

absence or provide necessary documentation. The administrator reserves the right to verify an absence as excused or unexcused and may request evidence or written verification of the student's reason for absence. Student absences approved by the administrator are excused absences. Excused absences may include, but are not limited to:

- Illness - as long as an attendance contract is not in place
- Medically documented chronic or extended illness, hospitalization, or doctor's care, or school nurse's approval
- Medical or dental care
- Death or serious illness in the family
- Religious holidays requiring absences from school
- Court appearances or other legal proceedings beyond the control of the family
- Class time missed because of attendance at a school-sponsored trip or activity
- Other verified emergency as approved by the building administrator
- Other reasons which can be justified from an educational standpoint and which are approved by the building administrator

Arriving Late and Leaving Early: Arriving at school or class after the official start time constitutes tardy. If a student is consistently arriving late or leaving early and it is documented, the information will be considered at the District and County Attorney levels. Time missed from instruction due to tardiness or leaving early will count towards the cumulative hours a student is absent.

A student is considered tardy if:

- Elementary School - Enters the school any time between 8:50 and 9:15.
- If a student enters the building for the day after these tardy time frames, the school designee will record their entry time into Infinite Campus using the Check In/Check Out feature in which this time will count towards unexcused absences.

Students who are absent from school for any reason will be expected to make arrangements with appropriate school staff to recover the missed learning. Students are able to earn full or partial credit for the missed school work as agreed upon by the student and school.

Students who wish to participate in school-sponsored activities must attend school at least one-half day on the day of the activity unless permission has been given by the administrator for the student to be absent.

Responding to Excessive Absenteeism: School staff will follow District procedures to address attendance concerns. Guardians and students are expected to ensure an absence from school is a necessary absence. Truancy is the act of being absent without an excuse as defined by Board policy 602 which occurs through the failure to regularly attend school hours as established by the Board in the school calendar.

When a student's non attendance or tardiness interferes with learning, the building MTSS team may intervene to identify barriers and offer additional support to improve student attendance. The team may communicate with the student and the student's guardians to determine the reason(s) for the excessive absences, ensure the student and guardians are aware of the adverse consequences of poor attendance, and jointly develop a plan for improving the student's school attendance. The team may recommend community resources and/or collaborate with community agencies and organizations to address the needs of the student and family if applicable.

Attendance District Board Policy:

<https://crschools.us/policy/policy-602-student-attendance/>

ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

Permission from the principal must be given before any person may bring an animal to school. When permission is given, pets and other animals must be on a leash or in a cage and must be accompanied by an adult who can leave with the animal as soon as the "sharing" time ends.

For safety and courtesy reasons, everyone is respectfully asked not to bring animals to school when escorting their students to and from school or when attending outdoor school events. See board policy 904 (<https://crschools.us/policy/policy-904-animals-on-district-premises/>).

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are from 8:50 am to 3:50 pm. Students will enter school through the same door they exit each day: students who get dropped off by car will enter front doors, students who walk to school will enter Park Ave. door, and students who arrive by bus will come in the playground doors.

Supervision for students is available beginning at 8:35 each morning.

All doors will open from 8:35-8:55 and students will proceed directly to their locker and then their classroom. Teachers will meet their students at the classroom and support staff will supervise at the building entrance doors. Breakfast will be served in the classroom for those who eat breakfast at school.

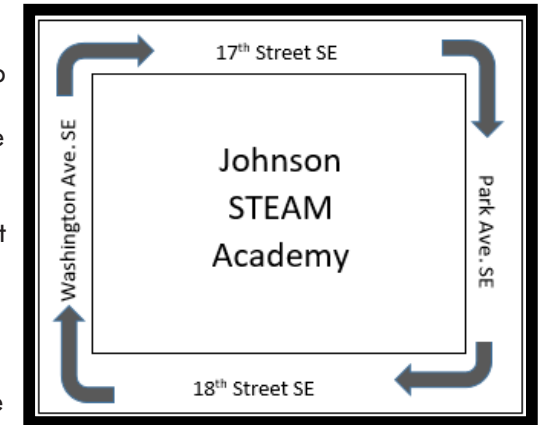
Students arriving after 8:55 will need to enter the front doors, will be considered tardy, and will need to stop in the gallery or main office for a pass to class. PLEASE ensure that your child gets to school prior to the first bell at 8:50. Tardiness interrupts morning learning and starting the day off right.

TRAFFIC FLOW BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We all know that traffic around the school at drop-off and pick-up times can be frustrating at times. Most of us remain patient with our main priority being safety of our children, each other, and our vehicles.

We ask our families to travel clockwise around the square until you have dropped off or picked up your student(s) at which time you can leave the school traffic on one of the side streets. The clockwise flow around the building ensures that no child has to cross the street in heavy traffic in order to get to their ride.

NOTE: Please be aware that all busses drop off and pick up students on 17th St. SE behind the playground. At times, this can block traffic. Please drive down a block and come around and travel up Park Ave. toward the school to join the car pick-up line if that is the case.



BIKE SAFETY

Parents are asked to assume responsibility for their student's bike safety readiness and bike maintenance. All bike riders should wear a helmet.

Riders are expected to follow the bike safety and courtesy rules listed below:

1. Walk bikes at all times anywhere on school grounds. Walking means both feet on the ground, not straddling a bike, not coasting scooter-style.
2. Bicyclists must obey all traffic signs and yield to pedestrians.
3. Bike riders should park, lock, and leave their bike at the rack in front of the main building.

Students must follow the bike safety rules listed above. Consequences for not following these may include loss of bike riding privileges, having the bicycle held at school for a parent to pick up, meeting with the principal and parents to review bike safety expectations, or meeting after school for one or more days to review bike safety lessons with staff or the principal.

Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, heelies are not permitted on school grounds.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- As a part of our District Wellness Policy, students will celebrate their birthdays in a variety of ways. Students are not allowed to bring individual birthday snacks.
- We ask that you do not send balloons or flowers to the school for your child's birthday.

CELEBRATIONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

We realize that on special occasions you may wish to participate in your child's joy by sharing a form of recognition with them. Please follow the District and Building guidelines when bringing items to share to recognize your child's special day.

JSA has been designated a Blue Zones School by meeting a series of wellness goals to achieve this designation. The Blue Zones Project is part of Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative. In addition, the District Wellness Policy spells out the guidelines that must be followed in all Cedar Rapids Schools.

In accordance with District policy and due to the fact that some of our students have food allergies or dietary restrictions we need family support. At JSA, we ask that if you wish to help your child celebrate their special day and have them bring something to share with the class that you do NOT bring food items to share with other students. Cupcakes, cake, candy, etc. should NOT be distributed to other students and may be sent back home. Instead, consider sharing items like pencils, bracelets, stickers, or purchase a book to add to the classroom library in your child's name.

We will have 3 celebrations a year; one in the fall, one in the winter, and one in February. At that time, guidelines will be provided to ensure that we are promoting healthy eating habits in the school setting. In addition, as part of the USDA's Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program all students at Johnson are offered a daily fruit or vegetable snack.

BUILDING USE

Youth organizations and clubs must make a request for school usage. This can be requested through the district use form and this is located on the district website <https://crschools.us/departments/quick-links/school-facilities-use/>. The requests must be completed and approved prior to the first usage.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Some students are transported by school bus. You will receive information about routes, pick up, drop off times and student conduct. It is the responsibility of the family to provide supervision at bus stops before and after school. All transportation questions or concerns should be directed to the transportation office at 319-558-2318.

DISTRICT CALENDARS

The CRCSD District Calendar for K-12 and Preschool can be found on our district website.

MAKE UP DAYS

When school days are canceled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, school days may need to be made up. Potential make-up days are indicated on our school calendar. Parents are encouraged to take these potential days into consideration when planning early summer vacations to eliminate any conflict in schedules.

CEDAR RAPIDS SCHOOL BOARD

Regular meetings of the Board of Education are generally held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in the BoardRoom at the Educational Leadership and Support Center, 2500 Edgewood Rd. NW. The public is welcome to attend. Meetings are live streamed on YouTube at EngageCR and are also videotaped and uploaded to the district website. More information can be found on the district website.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Factors such as achievement level, gender, and social maturity are taken into consideration when assigning students to classrooms for the coming year. Every effort is made to form heterogeneous groups that will enable students to work together with the teacher in academics as well as in social pursuits. Students with special needs (learning, behavior, etc.) will be given as much special consideration as possible. The staff, counselor, and principal should be aware of these specific needs due to their contact with the student. Parental input regarding circumstances of which the staff is not aware is appropriate. This input needs to be in writing and submitted to the Principal by the second Friday in May. The principal needs to be an advocate for all children and should assure all an equal opportunity during their elementary years.

Parents **may not select their children's teachers**, but are free to give input into how their child learns best. Assignments for each school year will be available in August.

ACCELERATION AND RETENTION PROCESS

Please contact the building administrator regarding further information on the processes used for acceleration and/or retention.

CLOTHING/APPEARANCE

The District believes inappropriate student appearance causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors. Students are expected to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress that are compatible with the requirements of a good learning environment. The standards will be those generally acceptable to the community as appropriate in a school setting. The District expects students to be clean and well-groomed and wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place, and occasion. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing displaying content inappropriate for school-aged children, profanity, weapons, or reference to prohibited conduct are not allowed. While the primary responsibility for appearance lies with students and their parents/guardians, appearance disruptive to the education program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or choice of clothing disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications or be subject to disciplinary action. The wearing of gang-related attire or insignia by students is prohibited. (Board Policy 603.1)

GYM SHOES

Children are to wear rubber soled shoes, like tennis shoes, to PE class. Proper footwear will ensure safety and enhance performance. We discourage flip-flop type shoes for PE as well as recess.

COMMUNICATING DURING THE DAY

Teachers will contact parents at home or work during the school day if there is an immediate need to discuss a problem involving their child. Teachers may communicate in writing or electronically at other times. Parent calls to teachers should be made from 8:10-8:35 AM, during specials, or after school.

Remember that teachers are teaching and if it is an emergency or a change in dismissal plans for your child(ren) please contact the main office by 3:00pm at 319-558-2174

All communication between families and students during the school day should be done through school personnel. Texting or phone calls to student devices cause a disruption to the learning environment.

CRISIS RESPONSE

Comprehensive plans have been developed and implemented for emergency situations if and when there is a need to move students from our building or if a crisis occurs while students are away from our building. In the event that Johnson is declared unsafe to re-enter, we will be busing students to a designated reunification center. Parents will be directed to go to that center's location through local media where staff will assist in reuniting students with their parents. No student(s) will be released to an adult other than their parent(s)/guardian without permission. Bus routes will be used to return students to school or to their home whichever is deemed appropriate.

CROSSING GUARD

A crossing guard is stationed at 19th St. between Park & Washington Ave. and Bever Ave. & 16th St., to help students safely cross that intersection. The hours the crossing guard is on duty are from 8:15-8:50 and 3:30-4:00. On Early Dismissal Days the guards are on duty from 2:00-2:25.

DAYCARE/BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

All CRCSD elementary schools and middle schools will have before and after-school programming through Champions that will begin at 6:30 am and be available until the start of the school day. Champions also provides after school programming until 6:00 pm. The Champions program will also provide wrap-around services at Truman early childhood center. If you have any questions, please contact Champions at 800-246-2154 or at discoverchampions.com

DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

DISMISSAL DURING THE DAY

It is necessary for parents to send a note, send an email, or make a telephone call to the main office requesting for students to be dismissed during the school day.

Remember that teachers are teaching and if it is an emergency or a change in dismissal plans for your child(ren) please contact the main office by 3:00pm at 319-558-2174.

When a student is to leave school early, he/she is to **check out through the office.** **Parents are asked to buzz the buzzer at the front door or call the office to check-out their student.** Leaving early to attend outside classes or lessons is strongly discouraged.

Students who become ill at school will be dismissed through the office after parents, guardians, or emergency contacts have been contacted and appropriate arrangements are made.

SCHOOL DELAY OR CLOSURE

When a decision is made to close schools for the day, delay school, or dismiss early because of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations, district websites and social media platforms. In addition, district parents and staff are notified of delays and cancellations by school phone messenger. **It is important that contact information is up-to-date in Infinite Campus and the household member has selected to receive notifications via email, phone, or text message.**

DISTRICT VISION & MISSION

VISION

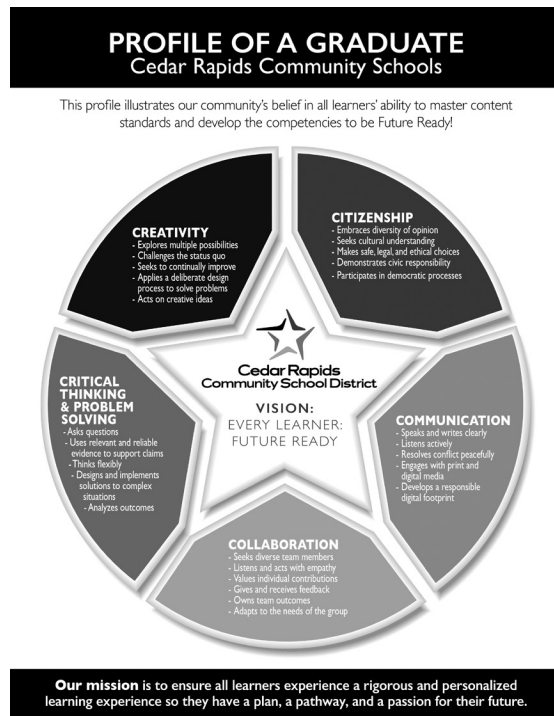
Every Learner, Future Ready

MISSION

Our mission is to ensure all learners experience a rigorous and personalized learning experience so they have a plan, a pathway, and a passion for their future.

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

Students in our schools will be developing skills in creativity, citizenship, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. We refer to these skills as the 5 Cs or our Profile of a Graduate. Staff will weave these five concepts and skill building opportunities through all they do at our school. We look forward to collaborating with our families, community partners, and other stakeholders to ensure our students are future ready.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

PERSONAL DEVICES

CELL PHONE USAGE & OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES (iPads, iPods, Watches, etc.) Families are expected to contact their child by calling the main office. Student cell phones and personal devices are to be turned off and kept in the student's bag during the school day. Should the cell phone or device ring/sound/alarm during the day and be a distraction, it can be collected and kept in the office or teacher's desk for the student to collect before heading home. We ask that students keep their devices off and not use any of the features until they are off grounds. Recording and photography by students will not be permitted.

If a student wears a watch with texting/calling features, they will be expected to not use the device for communication between home and school during the school day. Reminder, all of these devices are considered "personal belongings" and the students are responsible for the item. The school is not held responsible for loss or damage.

SCHOOL ISSUED DEVICES

Student Devices

Each student at the elementary school level will have access to a device for the school year. Devices will be kept at school, except in the event of a school shut-down in which all students are required to participate in virtual learning. In that case, devices would be sent home.

The full, detailed Elementary Student Device Agreement can be found on the district website. A summary can be found in this handbook.

Student Device Expectations:

- Student devices will be kept at school except in the event of a school shutdown where virtual learning is required or with the appropriate permission from school staff.
- Students will follow classroom expectations around care of devices, storage, and charging.
- Students will treat the device as if it is their own property, avoiding use that is conducive to damage or loss.
- Students will leave their device in its protective case unless given permission.
- Students will not allow anyone else to use their username / password.
- Adhere to CRCSD School's Student Device Use Policy at all times and in all locations. When in doubt about acceptable use, school staff, a teacher-librarian, building technical contact, or building administrator.

How to Handle Problems

- Promptly report any problems to the building's help desk representative or by contacting the district technology office by email (HelpDesk@crschools.us) or by phone, 319 558 2900
- Do not force anything (e.g., connections, popped-off keys, etc.) Seek help instead.
- When in doubt, ask for help



JOHNSON STEAM ACADEMY

**Johnson
STEAM
Academy**

Igniting Passion.
Cultivating Character.
Achieving Dreams.

2023-2024 Belief Statements

MISSION STATEMENT

The Johnson STEAM Academy community guides all learners to discover their passions through innovative learning experiences.

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JOHNSON STEAM ACADEMY STAFF

believe in the JSA Way and a growth mindset. We promote an inclusive learning environment where individuals are valued, heard, and respected for who they are. We are intentional about our actions to ensure we create systems and provide opportunities that are equitable. We positively impact the lives of students through our own continuous learning, showing compassion, establishing strong and positive relationships, empowering students, and preparing them to succeed in the world.

All staff members at Johnson STEAM Academy:

- *Have a student-centered focus*
- *Trust the team, students, and families*
- *Are on the Johnson STEAM bus (stay on and buckle up)*
- *Have a positive attitude and growth mindset*
- *Continually model the building expectations and procedures through the JSA Way*
- *Are present: physically, mentally, and emotionally for each other, our students, and our families*
- *Own it: leadership, reflection, best practices, accountability*
- *Honor time by completing tasks by deadlines and following the schedule*
- *Celebrate successes (student achievement, each other, teacher achievements, etc.)*
- *Effectively and frequently communicate (staff, students, families, community members)*
- *Demonstrate JSA pride: staff members, building cleanliness, achievement, successes, instructional practices, healthy minds and bodies, etc.)*

"Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort."

-Walt Disney-

Our Vision for Student Learning at Johnson STEAM Academy:

All JSA students will achieve high levels of success through mastery of the JSA Magnet Standards developed through a learner centered environment which includes STEAM integration, student voice and choice, and innovative learning experiences.

Standard 1: Self-Efficacy / Resiliency / Student Ownership: JSA Students are resourceful and committed to their future. They believe in themselves, take responsibility for their own learning and actions, persevere, reflect, and accept feedback.	
K-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are introduced to Growth Mindset • Understand failure is part of learning • Begin to accept feedback with support
3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and model Growth Mindset • Reflect and share how failure is a part of their learning • Give and receive feedback
Standard 2: Academics: JSA students reach for high academic success by setting goals and knowing how to achieve them. As future ready learners, they take ownership of their learning.	
K-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the goal setting process and set and monitor goals with support • Are engaged and interested in content • Set personal reading, math, and SEB learning goals with support • Take ownership in their learning with support
3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use goal setting processes independently and proactively to create goals • Are invested in their learning and can connect their learning to the real world • Set personal learning goals in reading, math, and SEB; can reflect on progress and make adjustments as needed • Take ownership in their learning and begin to advocate for themselves and their individual learning styles
Standard 3: Social-Emotional-Behavioral: JSA students take ownership of their actions and reactions. They learn skills necessary to self-regulate their emotions. They proudly show respect and responsibility everywhere, every day and with everyone.	
K-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are introduced to, and with support, can identify and practice basic self- regulation strategies • Listen to and accept positive and corrective feedback with support • Learn ways they can show pride in their school, community, and themselves through their actions • Recognize different perspectives
3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can identify and practice basic self-regulation strategies • Listen to and accept positive and corrective feedback and use feedback to make improvements • Show pride in their school, community, and themselves through their actions • Understand, articulate, and value different perspectives with support
Standard 4: Future Ready Learners / Employability Skills: JSA students are future ready learners who connect learning to the real world and their futures. They use integrated technologies to create products based on their passions and strengths. At JSA, students experience a rigorous and personalized academic program.	
K-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the JSA design process with support • Communicate and work appropriately in collaborative teams to complete tasks with support • Use innovative technologies to create projects, identify patterns, and make predictions • Utilize digital resources and tools to answer questions or solve problems with support
3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and use the JSA design process independently • Communicate and work productively in collaborative teams to create and produce quality work, problem solve, and learn • Use and select integrated innovative technologies to create original products, identify patterns and problems, make predictions and propose solutions that demonstrate learning in a variety of ways • Utilize innovative tools and resources to investigate real-world issues, answer questions, or solve problems.

STUDENT DEVICE USE AND CONDUCT POLICY

The District requires students to learn to use computing devices, data networks, enterprise software systems, electronic mail, the Internet, and telecommunications tools and apply them in the appropriate ways to the performance of tasks associated with their positions and assignments.

Students shall only engage in appropriate, ethical, and legal utilization of the District's technology, network systems, and internet access. Student instruction on digital citizenship standards which includes safe, ethical, and responsible use of the Internet will be defined and taught within core curriculum. Student use of the District's technology, network systems, and internet access shall also comply with all District policies and regulations.

Discipline

Any student who violates these rules will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the building's student code of conduct. Serious or repeated violations will result in the students' use of technology restricted and or revoked in addition to other possible disciplinary action.

The full student device use and conduct policy can be found at this link:

<https://crschools.us/policy/policy-900-district-technology-network-systems-and-internet-access/regulation-900-1-appropriate-use-of-district-technology-network-systems-and-internet-access/>

Disclaimer

CRCSD does not have control of the information on the Internet or incoming email. CRCSD will provide Internet content filtering both onsite and off. However, no filter is perfect. All filters have vulnerabilities that may be exploited by individuals who are actively and intently dedicated to breaching them.

If student devices are at home, It is strongly recommended that student use of all devices be monitored closely by parents to protect students from accessing inappropriate sites.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

All schools conduct official emergency safety drills for fire and tornadoes a minimum of four times per school year. In addition, we practice a security school emergency drill twice a school year and two bus evacuation drills each year. These drills are registered with the Cedar Rapids Community School District and the Cedar Rapids Fire Department. If volunteers or visitors are in the building when emergency signals sound, they should respond to the warning by following the group they are with or by responding to special directions from the principal or a staff member. In the event of a building evacuation, staff and students will move to a relocation center identified by the District and local law enforcement. Local radio and television stations will announce when and where parents/guardians may be reunited with their children.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are arranged to supplement and enhance the learning experiences of children. The online registration system includes permissions for students to attend all field trips. **Families must complete this permission online in Infinite Campus before any student can go on a trip away from school premises.** Based on school board policy, the school will not seek written parent permission for each field trip. Teachers will still notify parents about details each time a field trip is to occur. Parent volunteers are often needed on field trips. Volunteers must complete and be approved through the volunteer process. This may take more than one business day, so this should be completed in advance. Transportation on field trips will be by school bus, private vehicle, or city bus.

FOOD SERVICES

We encourage all students to participate in school meals. A nutritious lunch and breakfast is available to all students. School meals offered reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and provide the energy and nutrients necessary to optimize learning.

Breakfast and lunch options are available in all of our schools.. Menus are posted on the District website and available on the Nutrislice App. <https://cr.nutrislice.com/menu>. The Cedar Rapids community school district has 16 Elementary schools under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) that allows us to serve breakfast and lunch at no charge daily for the 23-24 school year.

The schools are as follows:

Elementary schools: Arthur, Cleveland, CRA (Cedar River Academy), Erskine, Garfield, Grant, Grant Wood, Harrison, Hiawatha, Hoover, Johnson, Kenwood, Madison, Nixon, Van Buren, Wright.

For the 23-24 school year, the remaining elementary schools will require payment of meals. If you believe your student/students will qualify for a free/reduced meal benefit please fill out an application at www.cedarrapids.familyportal.cloud. For the 23-24 school year the elementary meal prices will be as follows: breakfast \$2.25, lunch \$3.20, extra milks \$.60 and adult lunch \$4.85.

USDA requires families to complete the free/reduced application to receive additional benefits in the school district such as fee waivers, transportation, etc. School meals include the following components; milk and/or water, fruit, vegetable, grain, and protein. If students choose to bring a meal from home, families are asked to send nutritious food items. Milk is available for purchase. Bringing food from outside restaurants to the school cafeteria is discouraged. Students are not allowed to have soda with any lunch eaten at school. Students are discouraged from sharing their foods or beverages with one another, given concerns about sanitation, allergies and health related issues. We view the cafeteria as an extension of the classroom, and expect students to follow common courtesies in the lunchroom. Menus may change due to emergencies, late starts, snow days, and manufacturing shortages.

Dietary Restrictions: If your student requires special dietary considerations, we need a note from the doctor on file. We ask that you obtain a diet prescription form from Health Services or the Food and Nutrition Department to be completed by your doctor. Completed forms can be returned to the school office as soon as possible to determine if accommodations should be made.

Parents are welcome to join their student(s) for lunch. If a parent plans to eat school lunch, **they are asked to notify the office by 9:00 a.m. on the day they will need the meal.** Parent meals may be charged to the student account if sufficient funds are in the account. All adults, including parents, are charged the full adult fee.

HEALTH INFORMATION

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Student Illness or Injury During the School Day

Students are sent to the health office if they are injured or appear ill. Health office staff will attend to the student's complaint. This may include providing first aid, asking the student questions about how he/she feels, taking a temperature, making observations, talking to the teacher, and contacting the school nurse.

Students will be sent home for:

- A temperature of 100.4° F. or higher
- Active, illness related vomiting or diarrhea,

The parent/guardian will be called and the student will be sent home. Other symptoms that influence the decision to send the student home include general appearance and functioning in the classroom. After a period of observation a decision will be made to do one of the following:

- Notify the parent/guardian for symptoms of illness or injury of a serious nature as determined by the school nurse and/or health secretary. Not all student visits to the health office will result in parents/guardians being contacted.
- Allow the student to rest in the health office for a brief period then return to class.

Students are to be fever-free without fever reducing medication before returning to school. During times of high rates of illness, such as during influenza season, the length of time a student must remain home after fever/symptoms of illness may change as recommended by Linn County Public Health.

For more information regarding other health services policies/procedures visit:
<https://crschools.us/students-and-families/parent-notifications/>

LEGAL NOTICES

All notices are available on the district website:

[https://crschools.us/students-and-families/parent-notifications/Parent Notifications](https://crschools.us/students-and-families/parent-notifications/Parent%20Notifications)

Here are the items you can find there:

- Chapter 102-Child Abuse reporting
- Section 504
- Compulsory Education
- Truancy
- Conduct on School Premises
- Anti-Bullying/Harassment
- Sex offender Registry
- Search and Seizure
- Illegal items found in school or in Student possession
- Tobacco Free school environment
- Weapons
- Chapter 103 Seclusion & Restraint
- Building level Due process
- Suspension
- Cost of evaluation and treatment
- Official school publications
- Student publications
- Safe and responsible student use of networked tech resources
- Student fee waiver
- Gifts to school personnel
- Reserved time for non-school student activities
- Video cameras on district properties & transportation
- Annual notice regarding student records
- Release of student directory information
- Rights under the protection of pupil rights amendment (PPRA)
- Open enrollment
- In district permits
- Home school Assistance program
- Asbestos notification

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Cedar Rapids Community School District not to discriminate in educational programs and/or activities on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, socioeconomic status, national origin, religion, disability, age (except for permitting/prohibiting students to engage in certain activities) or genetic information and in employment opportunities on the basis of age, race, creed, color, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability or genetic information. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact Darius Ballard, Educational Leadership and Support Center, 2500 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA, (319) 558-2000.

LIBRARY

The library supports the curriculum and enriches the children's learning experiences. The Teacher Librarian and Media Secretary assist students and teachers in locating and using the resources of the Library.

Materials are available to students, staff, and parents to be checked out or renewed. There are no fines for overdue materials; however, each child is expected to assume responsibility for returning materials on time.

Concerns with any materials, or any specific book must be made in writing. There is a form available from the librarian to be filled out by the concerned party. A District committee will then reconsider the questioned material.

LOCKERS/COAT ROOMS FOR PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Students generally share lockers with another student. Items stored in lockers such as clothing, lunch boxes, school bags, etc. should be permanently marked with the student's first and last name. All personal belongings brought to school are the responsibility of the student.

Although theft is seldom a problem, students are discouraged from leaving valuables or personal items in their lockers. We request that students leave toys, balls, electronic devices, and other personal items at home. If it is necessary to bring valuables to school, they should be given to the teacher or office for safekeeping.

Lockers cannot be monitored constantly and if items are missing or damaged, the school district will not be responsible for their replacement.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found articles are placed in the wooden box on the main level across from the restrooms. Parents and children are urged to check the box for lost articles. Every effort will be made to return lost items to their owner. Proper marking of clothing and other articles is important to returning these items to their owners. Items left after school is out in June are donated to Goodwill.

MTSS (MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT)

MTSS is a framework of best practices for schools to meet the needs of all students through opportunities to learn and experience success in academics and social-emotional-learning (SEL) skills. This system matches instruction to the needs of students while ensuring access and attainment of student growth and proficiency.

CRCSD aligns school improvement efforts with Iowa's MTSS framework.

The following critical components guide the work at our school:

1. High quality and engaging curriculum and instruction for all students.
2. Screening for potential challenges three times per year.
3. Intervention provided for any students who need extra support in academics and/or SEL.
4. Monitor learning to ensure students make progress toward end-of-year expectations.
5. Carefully track what we do and how our efforts impact students.

A multi-tiered system of supports has three layers of support. Tier I, II, and III. Tier I supports are offered to ALL students and include our core curricula for academic and social-emotional learning. Every student receives Tier I support. Tier II supports are offered to students who need more than the core. Those supports come in the form of Check-in/Check-out with a mentor, small group skill building, explicit math and literacy intervention groups. These interventions typically last 4-6 weeks, meet 3-5x/week for 15-20 minutes per day.

Staff will collect data to evaluate the effectiveness of the Tier II interventions. If data indicates an intervention has been ineffective then the intervention will be adjusted or the student may be referred for Tier III support. Tier III supports are individualized for the student and typically last 6-8 weeks and occur 5x/week for 20-30 minutes each day. As with Tier II supports, staff will collect data to evaluate the effectiveness of the Tier III interventions. If a student continues to struggle either academically or behaviorally with Tier III supports, they may be referred for a Full and Individual Evaluation (FIE) by our Grant Wood Area Education consultants.

Parents are a vital part of the MTSS support plan. Student progress data will be shared with parents throughout the process. If your student is struggling academically, emotionally, or behaviorally parents can request additional tiered support. Please communicate your concerns with your child's teacher or contact our school counselor, Whitney Dalecky at 319-558-2174 or our Instructional Coach Board Policy 604.2a (MTSS Procedures), Board Policy 604.2 (MTSS)

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TITLE I FUNDING

Title I funding is provided for a number of our elementary schools. Title I is the largest federally funded supplemental education program. It does not replace what the school does; instead it gives students additional instruction for students that are not meeting grade level expectations in the areas of reading and/or math. School wide assessments are administered to all students and the data is used to determine students that qualify for extra help beyond Core instruction.

Johnson STEAM Academy Title I Parent Involvement Policy 2023-2024

It is the policy of the Cedar Rapids Community School District that parents of participating children shall have the opportunity to be involved jointly in the development of the district plan and in the district's review process for the purpose of school improvement. Recognizing that parent involvement is the key to academic achievement, we seek to involve parents in an effective home-school partnership that will provide the best possible education for our students. The district provides coordination, technical assistance and other supports necessary to aid in the planning and implementation of parent involvement activities. The district encourages parent involvement and supports this partnership through providing information about standards and assessments; providing training and materials for parents to help their children; educating school personnel about involving parents and the value of parent contributions and developing roles for community organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools.

1. The jointly developed and agreed upon written policy is distributed to all parents through the Parent Handbook which is distributed to every family at the time of registration.
2. Johnson STEAM Academy will hold two annual family events, one in the fall and one in the spring. Notification will be sent through fliers, newsletters, social media sites, and automated calls.
3. Parents are given assistance in understanding the Title I requirements, standards, and assessments through annual meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
4. Parents receive an explanation of the school's performance profile, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the expected proficiency levels in the annual Iowa School Report Card distributed annually to all stakeholders, through individual reports given to parents at conference time, and through report cards.
5. Parent recommendations are encouraged and responded to in a timely manner. Verbal or written responses will be given for all recommendations.
6. Parents will be involved with the planning, review and improvement of the schoolwide programs. The vehicle used will be the High Reliability Schools Team (HRST). If the schoolwide program is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, they may submit comments to the HRST.
7. A jointly developed school/parent compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students all share responsibility for improved student achievement. The compact also describes the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve our local high standards. It is distributed at fall Open House and conference time.
8. The Title I program provides opportunities for parents to become partners with the school in promoting the education of their children both at home and at school. Parents are given help monitoring their student's education. The school also provides other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents. Parents are encouraged to participate as volunteers in the school setting. Individual conferences will also be held upon request.
9. The school continues to coordinate and integrate, to the extent feasible and appropriate, the parent involvement policy and other programs and activities within the district. Transitional information for students moving from fifth grade to sixth will be provided to parents via spring conference, notes home, and media sites.
10. An annual evaluation of this parent involvement policy shall be conducted to determine its effectiveness. Findings will be used to design strategies for school improvement and revision of policies. The annual spring meetings will serve as the site for the discussion of program adjustments.

Providing all Cedar Rapids Community School District's children with equal access to quality education is of primary purpose. It is crucial that all partners (students, parents, educators, and communities) have opportunity to provide input and offer resources to meet this purpose. As these partnerships are mutually beneficial, developing cooperative efforts will ensure improve academic achievement for all students.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SUPPORTS

PBIS

The goal of PBIS is to create a positive school climate, in which students learn and grow. However, school climate can vary widely from school to school. A number of factors affect school climate, including school location, neighborhood culture, instructional methods, student diversity, and school administration.

Changing the school climate may seem like a daunting task. Employing the PBIS framework can make the task more manageable. The key to an effective PBIS implementation is an "all-in" mentality among teachers and administrators in a school. For PBIS to produce positive change in a school's climate, it needs to be employed schoolwide and with consistency.

School climate has bearing on attendance rates, academic achievement, and graduation rates. Regardless of socioeconomic status, students in a positive school climate are more likely to have higher test scores and greater academic success. In addition, a positive school climate helps students to develop the social and emotional skills they will need to become productive members of society.

In short, positive school climate includes:

- A feeling of safety
- Respect
- Engagement in learning
- Involvement in school life
- Shared vision
- Involvement of teachers, students, and families

We have developed Common Area Expectations for Playground, Hallway, Bathroom, Lunchroom, Library and Assembly. Posters with these expectations are posted around the building.

Voice Levels: 0- No Talking, 1 Whisper voice, 2 Inside voice and 3 Outside voice

CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is essential to students' overall academic success. Students learn best when they are able to feel autonomy, belonging, and competence while at school. Creating a caring community is imperative to allowing students to grow their SEL skills and can be felt immediately upon entering a classroom or school. Everywhere you look, there is evidence of kindness and respect.

At CRCSD, we use an instructional program called Caring School Community® to help us create an environment where each student feels safe, accepted, encouraged, and happy. The Caring School Community program is designed to help children become caring, responsible members of their school communities and, ultimately, to grow into humane, principled, and skilled citizens of society.

It does so by:

- Building caring relationships with and among students
- Directly teaching social skills
- Creating calm, orderly learning environments through the use of effective classroom management practices
- Helping students acquire self discipline through a caring and effective approach.

Caring School Community achieves this through weekly classroom instruction organized around a social emotional focus. Each day begins in Morning Circle where students greet one another and engage in a fun activity that provides practice for that week's focus skill. Each week also includes Community Chats (AK-1) and Classroom Meetings (2-5), regular class discussions that help students learn about each other, solve problems, and become caring, responsible members of the classroom community. Finally, your child will bring home an activity sheet each week to share with you the learning they are doing at school.

BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS.

The Board believes inappropriate student conduct causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, and/or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors on school premises. Appropriate classroom behavior allows teachers to communicate more effectively with students. Board Policy 604

COMMUNICATION: HOME TO SCHOOL

Contacting Your Child's Teacher

Questions, suggestions, problems should be directed to the person in the position closest to the situation or concern. Positive and clear communication among parents, students, staff is a key element of a healthy and productive parent-school partnership. If you need to speak with a specific staff member at Johnson, please use one of the communication methods listed below that you feel is most effective:

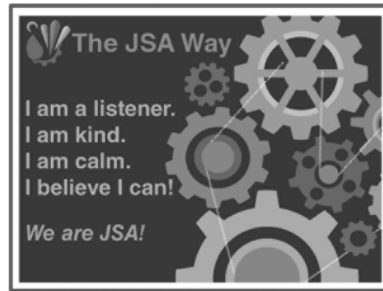
- Send a note with your child.
- Communicate with teacher via SeeSaw.
- Send an e-mail message to the teacher, (keeping in mind that the teacher may not see it during the current school day because they are working with students and may not have a chance to check their messages until a later time that day.
- Call the school. The best time to contact a teacher is between 8:10am and 8:35am, or from 3:50 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. If you call during an instructional period, office staff will give the teacher/associate a message so they can call you back as soon as possible.

Communication with Building Administrator

The principal is responsible for the overall management of the school and its personnel, including curriculum and instruction, student growth and problem solving, teacher support and evaluation, and implementation of district policy. If you have questions about any of these areas, don't hesitate to contact the principal, 558-2174.

Johnson STEAM Academy Web Page

If you are seeking general information about Johnson, you can visit the Johnson homepage at jsamagnet.crschools.us. You can also go through the district home page and then be able to look at any information on any school. The process is to start at the District Home Page at: crschools.us then follow the links by clicking on School Information. This will take you to the page that will allow you to go to any of the schools in the district. Additional ways to follow JSA are via: SeeSaw, Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook.



Johnson STEAM Academy Behavioral Response Plan

JSA uses the District Elementary Behavioral Definitions to guide decision making as the result of a behavioral infraction. Our goal is always to teach, restore any harm that may have been done, recognize what students are doing well, and provide opportunities for students to learn and grow.

- Level 1 Behaviors (minors) are low level and are handled by the teacher or staff member that was involved. One or more of the following may occur, but are not limited to:
 - Reminder of appropriate behaviors
 - Reteaching of expected behavior
 - Restorative conversation with the student to plan for better choices and righting wrongs
 - A break / reflection time for the student at the classroom Think Station
 - Student goes to identified Buddy Room for a break
 - Phone call home
- Level 2 Behaviors (majors) are higher level and handled by main office staff. Decisions are based on the outcome of investigating the incident as well as the frequency, intensity, or duration of the infraction. One or more of the outcomes listed above may occur, in addition consequences may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Break in office
 - Privilege removed
 - Time in office with work completion
 - Staff, parent, student meeting
 - Student finishes day in a Buddy Classroom
 - In-school suspension
 - Out-of -school suspension

CRCSD Elementary Behavior Definitions

DEFIANCE	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Violation of rules or procedures established for common areas or classrooms that continues after a redirection	Violation of rules or procedures established for common areas and classrooms that prevents instruction from occurring
ELOPEMENT	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Leaving assigned area without permission and returning to within 5 minutes	Not reporting to or leaving assigned area without permission for over 5 minutes
ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE/ACCESSORY OR WEAPON	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Possessing material used to produce or consume illegal substances or self-reporting possession of weapon (excluding firearms)	Possessing, under the influence of or using illegal substances or possession of weapon on school property
FORGERY/PLAGIARISM/CHEATING	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Representation of another's work as one's own	Representation of another's work as one's own
PEER CONFLICT	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Multiple students engaging in disruptive behavior	Conflict that is not resolved with separation and occurring across multiple settings
PHYSICAL AGGRESSION	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Behavior that does not result in physical contact with an individual or object	Behavior that result in physical contact with an individual or object
PROPERTY DAMAGE	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Destruction of private or public property	Destruction of private or public property
SEXUAL DISPLAY OR CONDUCT	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
NA	Behavior of sexual nature
THEFT	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Taking the property of another individual or of the school	Taking the property of another individual or of the school
TECHNOLOGY VIOLATION	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
Non-instructional use of technology or use of non-approved technology during instructional time	Non-instructional use of technology or use of non-approved technology during instructional time
VERBAL AGGRESSION	
LEVEL 1 (CLASSROOM MANAGED)	LEVEL 2 (OFFICE MANAGED)
The use of inappropriate language, profanity, curse words, name calling that is not directed at staff or peers.	The use of inappropriate language directed at staff or peers;

MAKE AN IMPACT THROUGH FPT (FAMILY PARTNERSHIP TEAM)

Johnson STEAM Academy is lucky to have a very active FPT. In addition to hosting many events, the FPT raises thousands of dollars every year to support many other opportunities for our children. Please join the FPT, your voice matters. Contact the office at 558-2174 for more information on how to join.

PARTIES

NON-SCHOOL PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS

Invitations to non-school sponsored parties or celebrations are to be handled by families outside of the school day. This will help avoid hurt feelings of students not receiving invitations.

PLAYGROUND AND RECESS

PLAYGROUND

We have established procedures to help provide an environment that is safe to both students and school property. Boundaries have been established and students need permission of a supervising adult to leave the area. Students are encouraged to wear clothing appropriate to the weather. The school provides playground equipment so bringing equipment from home is not allowed. Playground expectations are taught and reviewed by staff throughout the year.

RECESS

Recess is an important part of all elementary students' day. All students are expected to participate in recess activities each day, year round. Appropriate weather attire is expected daily so that students can participate safely in recess. Weather conditions may determine appropriate clothing attire. According to research by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), active kids have:

- stronger muscles and bones
- less risk of becoming overweight
- a lower chance of getting type 2 diabetes
- lower blood pressure and blood cholesterol level
- a better outlook on life
- better sleep

Physical activity also benefits students by:

- increasing their level of physical activity
- improving their memory, attention, and concentration
- helping them stay on-task in the classroom
- reducing disruptive behavior in the classroom
- improving their social and emotional development (e.g., learning how to share and negotiate)

Recess excuses:

Doctor/health care provider notes for school accommodations, including staying in from recess.

- Doctor's notes are considered recommendations and are one source of in-

formation when determining school accommodations for students. Doctor's requests need not be implemented automatically.

- The school nurse, in collaboration with the school team and parent/guardian, will review the health care provider recommendation and determine whether the student's health needs can be accommodated in other ways so they may continue to participate in recess activities.

One Day:

- Written or verbal request from a parent/guardian for acute illness or injury will be honored. The School Nurse may extend based on legitimate medical needs, such as an asthma flare up, sprained ankle etc.

Two or More Days:

- If the student has an acute medical need, like surgery or a broken bone, school nurses will contact the health care provider, or review discharge paperwork, for activity restrictions and length of time for the activity restriction.
- For long term chronic health needs, school nurses will do an individual health assessment, including obtaining additional information from parents and health care providers, to determine the need for accommodations.

Weather guidelines: Adapted from the Iowa Department of Public Health and The National Weather Service guidelines/recommendations.

Winter Recess:

- When snow is on the ground students are expected to wear snow pants and snow boots to be off the blacktop.
- Students should stay inside if the temperature, including wind chill (or "feels like temp"), is 10 degrees or below. Example, if the actual temp is 20, but with windchill/feels like it is 8 degrees, students stay inside.
- Schools should use the same source for determining temperature to make it consistent and understandable for parents/guardians with children in different buildings. The recommended source is Weather Underground <https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ia/cedar-rapids>. On this site you are able to change the location of where the temperature is being measured (at KCRG downtown) to a location closer to your school site.

Warm Weather Recess:

- If the heat index (air temperature and humidity) is 100 degrees F or more, students will stay inside. 1/2020

PACT (PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC & CREATIVE TALENT)

Mission Statement: The program for academic and creative talent (PACT) enhances and supports the educational program and experiences of high ability students to prepare them to become world class learners and responsible citizens.

PACT resource specialists serve as a primary advocate and resource in the area of gifted education for students and families as well as a liaison among CRCSD, building staff, students, and parents on matters pertaining to the academic and affective needs of gifted learners.

Elementary

Kindergarten and First Grade

The kindergarten and first grade program (K-1) is designed to identify and recognize student potential, gather and share data, and collaborate with CRCSD and building staff. The program aims to identify students who possess characteristics and behaviors that indicate a student may be talented in a particular academic area. The program also analyzes student data in order to support learning opportunities for high achieving students, and collaborate and support kindergarten and first grade classroom staff and students to challenge and enrich CRCSD's core curriculum.

Second through Fifth Grade

PACT provides curriculum enrichment experiences for academically gifted students. Teachers trained in gifted education conduct classroom screenings at the beginning of each semester. Topics are offered on a rotating schedule, allowing students the opportunity to participate in a variety of challenging activities such as science, humanities, mathematics, and language arts.

Elementary students who excel in one or more of the basic curriculum areas, or who demonstrate the potential to do so, will benefit from PACT services. These students need ongoing opportunities to develop their abilities in complex learning environments.

Several subjective and objective criteria are used to identify academically gifted students for PACT. Staff observations of student task commitment, achievement, and creativity are considered. In addition, achievement, and intelligence test scores are reviewed prior to placing students in appropriate activities.

There are no limits on PACT participation. Screenings are conducted each semester. Some students have exceptional talents in all areas; others are talented in specific areas. PACT seeks to address different areas of intellectual strength and to provide children with initial exploratory experiences in gifted education. However, a placement in PACT does not guarantee further placements. Children develop their intellectual strengths in varying stages and at varying speeds during their school careers; the purpose of PACT is to serve students demonstrating the greatest need for extended programming each semester.

To learn more about PACT, contact the PACT teacher at your school or the PACT office at 319-558-1676. As a parent, you can provide valuable insights and information about your child's exceptional abilities.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Assessments will be provided to parents through conferences and report cards. Two formal student conferences will be scheduled in October and February. Report cards are available using the Infinite Campus portal in February and at the end of the school year. During these conferences parents and students will discuss with the teacher the progress made by the student by reviewing daily work, test scores, teacher observations and comments, as well as sharing the student data and samples of student work. Parents are encouraged to request a conference in addition to the regularly scheduled conferences if they have concerns about their child.

Communicating with non-custodial parents

In the case of parents being separated or divorced, communications are sent to the parent that has physical custody of the child. It is expected that the parents will share information between themselves for the good of the child. To receive mailings the non-custodial parent needs to request this in Infinite Campus. It is our hope that divorced or separated parents can meet together at conference time. Therefore the child can share their progress with both parents at the same time and it doesn't place the time burden on the teacher.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

The elementary school counselor works with all children in the school. Prevention of problems is a key part of the philosophy in implementing a counseling and guidance program. The counselor works in classrooms on developmental activities and is available to help individual students with concerns in small group or individual settings. Parents of students who work with the counselor on a long-term basis are contacted by the counselor. Parents of drop-in contacts do not necessarily receive this contact from the counselor.

In addition to counseling and skill-building support, the school counselor collaborates with various community agencies. Should families need assistance with basic needs, can contact the school who will put them in contact with the appropriate community agencies for support and help.

The counselor is always available through email or phone contact. Our counselor is Whitney Dalecky and can be contacted at 319-558-2174.

SCHOOL HOURS

Our school day runs from 8:50 AM to 3:50 PM.

Students will observe the following schedule:

8:35 All students may enter the building

8:50 School begins

3:40 Staggered dismissed begins

Students may not play on the school grounds before or after school without parental supervision, since staff supervision is not provided. In the morning, students should wait calmly at Park Ave or the front entrance until a staff member admits them to a building.

Students are expected to go home after school. Only students directly supervised by an adult guardian are allowed to play on the playground immediately following dismissal.

SCHOOL TO HOME COMMUNICATIONS

In our efforts to go "green", flyers and hand-outs will be posted in a link found on our district Website. <https://crschools.us/students-and-families/quick-links/virtual-backpack/> Once here you will select the link for your child's building.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Each fall all students will have their pictures taken for the cumulative records. Families may purchase individual pictures from the company if desired. Spring pictures will also be taken, and as always the purchase of these photos is left up to individual families.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (INFINITE CAMPUS)

- According to Board policy 606 parents have access to student cum files and records during school hours.
- Families are asked to complete an annual update to the student management system. This system, Infinite Campus, allows the school to have current contact information in the event of an emergency. As changes occur in either phone numbers or emergency contact information, parents should update the system. Parents should alert the person(s) listed as emergency contacts for their student.
- An important part of the annual verification is providing student permissions for field trips, sharing information, and internet usage.
- We will communicate with you when you can go in and verify the information in your child's profile and update incorrect information. This can be accessed all year long to update your child's emergency contact information.

Johnson STEAM Academy Magnet School

Social Media Accounts



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonSTEAMacademy?ref=hl>



Twitter

<https://twitter.com/JSAMagnet>



Johnson STEAM Academy Website

jsamagnet.crschools.us

For the latest CRCSO news and information:

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SUPPLIES AND FEES

SUPPLIES

A suggested annual school supply list can be found on the district website. Some supply items may need to be replenished as the year progresses. Individual teachers may request additional items as needed.

<https://crschools.us/students-and-families/quick-links/school-supplies/>

FEES

A book fee of \$31.00 is assessed annually to cover the cost of certain curriculum materials. If you qualify for free or reduced lunches your material fee will be \$19.00. To qualify for fee forgiveness/reduction you must have been approved for a free/reduced benefit AND complete Parent Permissions to share that status in Infinite Campus. This fee can be paid in Infinite Campus or can also be given to the school secretary.

Service Fee on Return Checks

\$30.00

If your check is returned you authorize us to *electronically* re-deposit your check for the face amount and service fee. You also authorize us to collect the service fee by paper check or demand draft.

You may be sued for damages of three times the amount of the check, up to a maximum of \$500.00 pursuant to Iowa codes 554.3512 & 554.3513

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VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

VISITATION POLICY

- For security purposes, anyone visiting school between 8:50 am -3:50pm must use the front entrance door. A doorbell will alert the office staff of your arrival and upon recognition and validation they will "buzz" you in. Visitors must report to the office and will be asked to provide a form of identification that will be run through our Raptor Visitor Management System. A name tag will be provided to you. The name tag must be returned upon your departure.
- You are always welcome to see first hand the teaching and learning taking place at school. As a professional courtesy, all parents and visitors must make prior arrangements with teachers and the building principal before a planned visit. Please let the office staff know when you leave the building also. Visiting children must be accompanied by an adult. . We appreciate your understanding and support of these security measures to ensure the welfare of all students and staff.

- Parents often visit to have lunch with their children. We welcome such visits, but ask parents to notify the teacher and office in advance. We encourage parents to eat school lunch or to bring a lunch of their choice. Parents may not bring lunch for any child other than their own. For safety and security parents and visitors are prohibited from taking photos of other children while on school premises.

RAPTOR SYSTEM

- The Cedar Rapids Community School District utilizes the Raptor Visitor and Volunteer Management System in our schools to strengthen the district's program of campus safety for students and staff. Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present an ID, which may be scanned or manually entered into the system. We understand that a parent or guardian, for a number of reasons, may not have a US government-issued ID. In this case, the school staff member can ask to see another form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system. The system is designed to check this information against the sex offender registry.
- To learn more about the Raptor visitor and volunteer management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website (www.raptortech.com). If you have any questions regarding the secure system, I, please contact your building principal.
- The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor system provides a consistent way to aid in protecting our students and staff from potential harm. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in our district.

VOLUNTEERING

- We encourage ongoing and active volunteer involvement by individuals and groups when it will enhance the educational experience of our students. Examples of volunteers include, but are not limited to: classroom volunteers, field trip volunteers, bus chaperones, mentors, reading buddies, etc. Volunteers will be under the supervision and direction of a school employee. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Leah Ferring at 319-558-2174 if you are interested in volunteering..
- The Cedar Rapids Community School District (CRCSD) recognizes the need to maintain a District Volunteer Services Program to support classroom instruction and co-curricular activities. CRCSD appreciates the involvement of volunteers in supporting instructional programs and enriching the learning environment. The district shall make every reasonable effort to provide a safe learning environment for students working with volunteers.
- A Volunteer Application is required annually of all volunteers whose primary role is that of working directly with students or assisting staff on a regular basis; supervising/chaperoning students; or acting as an authority figure. All Volunteer Applications will be checked against the national sex offender database and are subject to a background check. <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTE5OTplbi1VUw==>
- All applications must be approved prior to volunteering.
Board Policy 1002.- Volunteer, Board Policy 1002.2- Visitors

WELLNESS

Schools play an important role in promoting and maintaining their students' health. Healthy students are better learners. But schools can't do it alone. Parents are the other crucial half of the equation to provide the healthy start that kids need to thrive in the classroom and in life.

Look for the LiveWellness logo throughout the district for examples of how we help your child stay healthy, strong and ready to learn.

All school districts are required to have a wellness policy. Cedar Rapids Community Schools Wellness Policy can be found on our district website.

Here's what our commitment to wellness looks like:

Our school will:

- Provide health education, including nutrition, in the curriculum
- Provide multiple opportunities for physical activity to meet or exceed the Healthy Kids Act requirements (30 min/day for Elementary Schools, 120 min/week for Middle & High Schools)
- Serve school meals that reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, model appropriate portion sizes and provide a well-balanced meal
- Discontinue using unhealthy foods for fundraisers
- Ensure all food and beverages made available during the school day (including snacks) meet District Nutritional Guidelines
- Require that students are physically active during the majority of time in physical education class
- Discontinue using food/food coupons as rewards or incentives
- Ensure physical activity is not used for or withheld as a punishment

To support wellness in our schools, families will:

- Send food items for classroom celebrations only when requested by school staff
- Follow the District Nutritional Guidelines when providing meals/snacks (unhealthy treats will not be distributed)
- Help plan and support fundraising events that do not involve food

For more information, visit the wellness link: <https://crschools.us/students-and-families/school-meals/wellness/>. The District Wellness Policy can be found in the District Notifications section of the handbook.

Want to get involved? Join your School Wellness Council or the District Wellness Council.




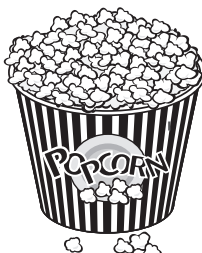



HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACKS

Cedar Rapids Community School District



Snacks play a major role in a child's diet and provide a valuable opportunity for nutrition education. Healthy snacks are important to providing good nutrition and supporting lifelong healthy eating habits

Fruits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh fruit-whole or sliced Assorted fruit salads Dried Fruits Applesauce Individual fruit cups (packaged in juice) 100% Fruit Juice 100% Frozen Fruit Bars 	Low Fat Dairy/Protein: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> String Cheese or Cheese Cubes Yogurt Cottage Cheese Deli Meat Sunflower Seeds Pepita/Pumpkin seeds 
Vegetables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raw Vegetables Simple kid-friendly examples: Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Snap Peas, Sliced Peppers, Celery Dehydrated Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetable Chips, Chickpeas Edamame (Soybeans) 	Whole Grains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crackers Low Sodium Pretzels Pita Chips Popcorn Low Fat Granola Bars Baked Corn Tortilla Chips Animal Crackers Graham Crackers 
Snack tips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack on fruit and vegetables whenever possible. Select appropriate portion sizes. For food safety select sealed and prepackaged snack items. Combine protein and fiber for a satisfying snack. 	Drinks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Low Fat or Fat Free Milk 100% Fruit/Vegetable Juice 
Dip Ideas: Hummus, Salsa, Bean dip, Honey Mustard, Yogurt based dips	

TIP

The provided list is not all inclusive. Reference CRCSD Nutritional Standards for specific guidance.



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Non Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Cedar Rapids Community School District not to discriminate in educational programs and/or activities on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, socioeconomic status, national origin, religion, disability, age (except for permitting/prohibiting students to engage in certain activities) or genetic information and in employment opportunities on the basis of age, race, creed, color, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability or genetic information. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact Darius Ballard, Educational Leadership and Support Center, 2500 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA, (319) 558-2000. Updated 6/2023

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