

Summary of changes to 2020-2021 Jacobson Student Handbook

Note to Board: Prior to the past school year, the old student handbook was modified and overhauled with over 100 updates, so the current edition has relatively few changes in comparison.

1. Cover Page 1- Changed year to 2020-2021.
2. Page 2- Added references to website, twitter page and Principal's welcome and changed name of Equity Coordinator from Lori Green to Lori Eekhoff.
3. Page 3- a. Changed year to 2020-2021, corrected a typo, and changed the welcome to the following:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It is our goal that each and every child has access to quality instruction, in a safe, secure and positive environment.

4. Page 4- Staff changes have been updated to reflect new hires and staff departures.
5. Page 6- Added reference to items that transferring students need to turn in to include computer devices and to delete reference to school lunch tickets and locker equipment since those items no longer exist.
6. Page 7- A reference to compulsory attendance that do not apply to students at Jacobson (discussion of students who have reached the age of 16) have been removed.
7. Page 7- Due to Nurse Dennett Showalter's retirement, several references to her as the point person in various provisions have been changed to refer her replacement, Holly Friederich. Two of those references appear on this page.
8. Page 8- a reference to school board policy now contains the specific policy reference to allow persons to identify the actual board policies (102 and 104) being referenced.
9. Page 9- a reference to school board policy now contains the specific policy reference to allow persons to identify the actual board policy (603.4) being referenced.
10. Page 10- References to conferences being held twice per year and grades being sent electronically have been added.

11. Page 13- Field Trips- In the recent past we have not required a separate parent permission slip for field trips and other outings because parents at registration now sign a generic permission slip for such purposes. The handbook has been changed to reflect that practice.
12. Page 16- Procedural safeguards- this provision did not include the word “public” which is part of the definition of FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education)-this has been added.
13. Page 18- Student search procedures have been modified to add searches of gym lockers as well as student lockers.
14. Page 18- A typo from the previous handbook (parents should have been “a parent” has been corrected.
15. Page 19- A typo from the previous handbook (the word accommodations was misspelled) has been corrected.
16. Page 20- A final sentence to the Weather section has been added as follows:

If you are not able to provide protective clothing please contact the school counselor or nurse. All such requests will be kept confidential.

17. Page 33- An erroneous or outdated reference to “special” school principal has been deleted in the paragraph entitled “Corporal Punishment, Physical Restraint and Emergency Removal”.

Note : Additional changes possible due to COVID-19 related safety measures and this handbook may be amended in the future should those changes be deemed significant to the overall school operations.