



Juniper Ridge Community School Parent Expectations

I support the stance of JRCS that education of children is a partnership between school and home. This agreement defines my responsibilities as a parent in that partnership and the parent expectations in regards to having my child/ren at Juniper Ridge Community School.

Parent Evenings

Four times during the school year, parents are expected to meet in the classroom as a parent body together with their child's teacher. At these meetings, parents gain insights into the classroom experience, view and hear about work the children have covered, as well as work to come. It is an opportunity to ask questions of a grade-specific nature (as opposed to questions about your child). The focus of these meetings is to inform parents about what is being taught, how it is being taught, and why we are doing it in this manner. In addition, the teacher will discuss what parents can do to support the work of the classroom. Parent Council will arrange to have childcare available here at the school.

I understand that these meetings are mandatory and at least one parent/guardian from our family will attend.

Volunteering/Helping Out

I realize that so much of the life of the school beyond the teaching in the classroom is dependent upon parents stepping forward to volunteer and help out. I will find events and times where I can, at least three times in the year, volunteer either in the classroom, at a special event, or with Parent Council.

Waldorf Curriculum and Parent Enrichment

I am aware that Juniper Ridge follows a Waldorf inspired curriculum. When I have questions about the "whys & hows" of this curriculum, I will seek out an answer either from my child's teacher, Administration, or from the Pedagogical Council.

I understand that JRCS will hold various Parent Enrichment evenings throughout the year. I will attend at least one Parent Enrichment evening each year.

Starting Times in the Grades

I understand that children need to arrive by 8:10 am and be in their seats, ready begin instruction by 8:20 am. I realize that late students disrupt the flow of the morning activities and that numerous late students in a class force the teacher to delay instruction for everyone. JRCS follows SD51 attendance policies which are described in the JRCS Family Handbook.

Homework

I understand that each teacher has different expectations for homework. I will find out what all of my child's teacher's expectations are regarding homework and keep my child on track. When my child is missing assignments or not understanding the work, I will schedule an appointment with my child's teacher to discuss

how to support my child. I will ensure that when my child brings items such as main lesson books and musical instruments home to work on, that they are returned to school the very next day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There are two mandatory parent-teacher conferences at JRCS; one in the fall, and a student-led conference in the spring. I will attend both of these conferences.

Festivals

I understand that the Waldorf Curriculum offers a number of rich cultural festivals primarily based around seasonal changes. I understand that I am welcome to attend and participate in these festivals and I will strive to support these special occasions by volunteering in ways that I am capable (i.e. preparation, day of festival participation, clean-up).

Music Program

I assure that my child will have his/her instrument in school on lesson days and practice his/her instrument at home with the regularity requested by the music teacher.

Media Influences

I understand that Juniper Ridge aligns itself with the media guidelines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Sending my children to Juniper Ridge is making a commitment that I will adhere to the following media guidelines as stated by the AAP. I will create "screen free" zones at home, making sure there are no televisions, computers or video games in my children's bedrooms, and that we will turn off the TV during dinner. I will strive to limit my children's media/screen/phone/news exposure to no more than one hour per day, and ensure that what they view and hear is age-appropriate and of a high quality in regards to its content. I will encourage my children to spend more time in outdoor play, reading, completing homework, instrument practice, and using their imaginations in free play.

Dress Code and Dressing for the Weather

I will read through the Juniper Ridge Dress Code together with my child/ren. I will help my child to make appropriate choices when buying clothing for school, as well as in the morning when dressing for school. I will review and make sure my children abide by the guidelines around personal grooming. I will bring any questions not covered in the Dress Code either to my child's teacher or to the administration.

I understand that if my child wears something to school that does not follow the JRCS dress code, I may be called to bring them a replacement item.

I understand that JRCS students will play outside during all types of weather will ensure that they are dressed properly for the weather each day.

I will supply indoor shoes for my child to wear.

Eating healthy

I will provide my child/ren with healthy snacks and nutritional meals every day at school. I will limit the amount of sugary foods I give my children while at school, as delineated in the Family Handbook.

The Family Handbook

I will familiarize myself with the JRCS Family Handbook and refer to it as needed. I will abide by its guidelines and address any questions or disagreements I have to the administration.



JRCS Parent Expectations & Agreement 2020-2021

I have read all of the *JRCS Parent Expectations & Agreement* and agree to abide by the terms as stated.

This agreement is for the following children enrolled at Juniper Ridge:

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Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/guardian

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