

Statement of Parent Expectations

A positive and constructive working relationship among Jackson Academy, the student body, and the parent body is essential to achieve maximum fulfillment of the school's stated mission. Jackson Academy has already adopted written expectations for students, faculty, and staff. The following expectations provide the same guidance to our parent body. Combined, these expectations give the entire Jackson Academy community consistent guidance and direction.

1. Parents should seek to understand and then demonstrate support for the mission of Jackson Academy and all stated policies and procedures associated with the operation of the school.
2. Parents should respect the school's responsibility to do what is in the best interest of the entire community while recognizing the needs of individual student. This includes acceptance of different perspectives, support for the school's consequences for inappropriate actions and behaviors, and the understanding that the school cannot always share all the facts in any given situation.
3. When parents have concerns involving the school, parents should directly and respectfully seek information from, or consult with, the adult at Jackson Academy who is closest to the situation (teacher, coach, administrator, etc.). These concerns could be personal (such as an issue involving the parent's child) or communal (such as a rumor/gossip that they hear in the community).
4. Parents should be positive, encouraging, and respectful to all members of the Jackson Academy community including students, faculty and staff, administrators, coaches, and fellow parents.
5. Parents should refrain from gossip and communication that may be detrimental to the well-being of JA students, parents, employees or the larger school community.
6. Parents should use caution when referencing Jackson Academy or its faculty and students on social media. By definition, social media is a public forum. As such, involvement in social media by any member of the JA community should be respectful and appropriate.
7. Parents should support the school's efforts to prevent student abuse of drugs and alcohol. Parents should not be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol in the presence of JA students at school or at school-sponsored activities wherever they may occur.
8. Parents should respect and understand the importance of student attendance. Parental support of student attendance assists the school in fulfilling its commitment to educate each child.

*Parents who violate the Statement of Parent Expectations jeopardize their children's standing at Jackson Academy.