

Andrew Carnegie Elementary School

Parent/Student Handbook

2019-2020

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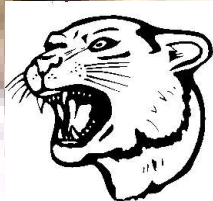
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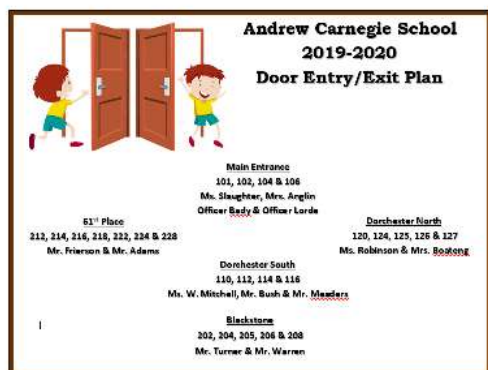


Welcome to another wonderful year at Andrew Carnegie Elementary School! Carnegie School has provided a rigorous academic program that encompasses all curricular areas. As the principal, I will support Carnegie's mission to provide our student body with high quality student-centered teaching and learning through challenging curriculum and rigorous assessments. We, the staff and parents, are also committed to encouraging children to take educational risks without fear of failure and become creative producers and critical thinkers.

This handbook provides an overview of our school's expectations. Additional information will be provided on an on-going basis. Please read and save this handbook for reference. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you for the success of all of our students.

BELL SCHEDULE & SCHOOL HOURS

School begins on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. School hours are 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. daily. Students will enter and exit through the following doors:



Students are not to arrive before 8:30 a.m. There is NO SUPERVISION BEFORE THAT TIME, AND STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING. Parents are expected to pick-up children promptly at 3:45 p.m. unless they are participating in a specific activity (i.e. after-school program). Small children left on the school grounds after 3:45 p.m. will be taken to room 118 and parents/guardians will be contacted. If the parent, guardian, or emergency contact does not come to the school to pick up the child by 4:00 p.m. the school will be obligated to call the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Child and Family Services Hotline to report child neglect. Please consider the safety and well-being of your child by being prompt and providing the proper parental supervision,

especially at times prior to entry and directly following dismissal. These are very busy times and safety is our utmost priority.

Parents are asked to consistently observe the expected routines for pick-up and drop-off of students.

- During dismissal, 60th-61st and Dorchester will be closed to southbound traffic. Do not drive around the horses/orange cones. Once the school buses leave, southbound traffic will reopen.
- Do not park in the school bus lane or move the orange cones.
- Do not block 61st Place. This will allow ACS staff and CPS visitors to enter/exit the Staff Parking Lot.
- Do not block the crosswalk or corners of intersections as it inhibits the crossing guard's view of the children walking/crossing.
- Pull up your vehicle as far as you possibly can to drop off your student, allowing the cars behind you room to drop off their child/children.
- Don't double-park when dropping off or picking up your child and make sure your child gets out of the car on the curbside.
- If you're getting out of your car to walk to the building to retrieve your child, please don't double park and leave your car, this will allow other cars to leave.
- Students who walk to school should cross the street in the crosswalk.



Inclement weather is always a challenge when it comes to traffic safety. Patience is required during cold, snowy, or rainy days, as the drop-offs and pick-ups will take more time. Please allow yourself time to get to work or your next destination safely. The responsibility for daily attendance and prompt arrival to school belongs with the parent. **Absences and late arrivals will be recorded and will be reported on the student's report card and permanent record.** Students must be in school regularly

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

to learn. Whenever a student is absent or tardy, the parent must provide a written note upon the child's return explaining the cause of absence, or the child will be marked truant. The note must include the date(s), cause of absence/tardy and include a contact number along with the signature of the parent/guardian. **Students arriving after 9:30 A.M. or who are picked up before 3:30 P.M. will be marked 1/2 day absent and must also provide a written note.**

Early dismissal

Students will be released only to the parent, guardian, or designated adult indicated on the **emergency form**. PLEASE BE AWARE that students leaving before the first lunch period will be marked absent for the full day; students leaving after lunch and before 3:30 p.m. will be marked $\frac{1}{2}$ day absent. Please schedule appointments after school hours. **Early Dismissals will not be granted after 3:30 p.m.**



Andrew Carnegie School follows the CHAMPS Behavior Expectations. Children are required to walk on the right side of the hallway. No child may walk down the middle of the hallway. Children are to be at a Level 0 in the hallways (No talking). Children are to be at a Level 1 in the Commons (Soft talking, no yelling). Children must get permission and obtain a pass from the teacher to go to the washroom, Main Office, etc.



Mrs. Robinson monitors all students waiting for the CPS or YMCA bus. Students using bus transportation **MUST NOT** leave the building. They are to report to the bus area (near Room 116) at 3:40 p.m. daily. Students are to wait quietly until the bus driver arrives. Students are to exit the building and board the school bus quietly, fasten seat belts immediately, and remain seated until the bus driver or assistant gives permission to leave the seat. Students must keep arms and legs out of the aisle and get permission from bus personnel before opening a window.

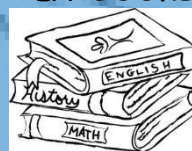
Students are reminded that they are to act in an appropriate, responsible manner so that everyone can have a safe bus trip. Students are **NOT** allowed to talk to the driver while s/he is driving, leave his/her seat, fight, throw objects in or off the bus, annoy others, smoke, light matches, scream, yell, curse, damage the bus, open the emergency door, or do anything that is considered dangerous. **Students who fail to follow the bus safety rules may lose their bus riding privileges.**



It is **recommended** that each class schedule one (1) educational field trip quarterly. Field trips must support the curriculum and be used as extensions of the classroom program with activities before and after the trip. The date field trip money is due is indicated by each teacher. Funds are **NOT** accepted the day of the field trip. **NO EXCEPTIONS! Teachers/staff must wear their Carnegie Staff T-shirt and students must be in uniform and/or gym uniform on all field trips. Unless otherwise approved by administration.** Only legal guardians and adults age 21 and over, who are approved as a Level I or Level II volunteer, are allowed to serve as chaperones for a field trip (refer to cpsvolunteers.org for background clearance); **no siblings or relatives are allowed to attend any field trip.**

Students will be issued textbooks to use during the school year. Students are responsible for maintaining the books in the condition they received them. Textbooks are very expensive and we ask your support in helping your child develop a respect for books. **Parents/guardian will be required to pay for lost or damaged books.**

TEXTBOOKS



TECHONOLGY



Andrew Carnegie Elementary School is proud to offer its students cutting-edge technology to support classroom learning. Carnegie School is establishing itself as an innovative, educational institution. To support the district's work to prepare students for success in college and career beyond high school, laptops in the classroom are being provided. Having access to technology allows students to develop collaboration, problem solving, and creative skills, which will serve them well in college and career. **Please Note: If a student negligently damages a laptop, chrome book, iPad or any other equipment, he/she**

will be held accountable for the repair cost. To ensure your child's safe use of the Internet, please refer to CPS's Internet Safety Policy and CPS Student Acceptable Use of the CPS Network Policy posted on our school's website at: www.carnegie.cps.edu.

Students will receive a copy of the Chicago Public Schools Student Code of Conduct on the first day of school. An assembly for all K-8 grade students will be conducted during the first week of school explaining conduct expectations and corresponding consequences. Students will receive a copy of the rules to discuss with parents. Please review it carefully with your child, **sign, and return the bottom portion** indicating receipt and compliance with this document. CHAMPS and Restorative Justice Programs, school-wide expectations, and classroom rules will also be discussed. Please discuss these rules with your child and feel free to consult with staff members for inquiries or clarification.

CONDUCT CODE

DRESS CODE



To raise the standard of student appearance, behavior and performance, all kindergarten through 8th grade students **must wear uniforms daily**. The following school uniform policy is in effect at Carnegie Elementary School:

1. **Pre-K:** Uniform optional

2. **K-5 Grades:** Yellow blouses or polo shirts and navy blue bottoms.

3. **Middle school (6th-8th) Grades:** Powder blue blouses or polo shirts with navy blue bottoms.

Footwear: Students are allowed to express their creativity by way of their shoe selection. For safety reasons, Flip Flops are the only style shoe not permitted.

Style Rules: Hoodies, Leggings, Jogging pants, and Bandanas are not allowed.

Permitted tops include blouses or shirts with collar, polo-style shirts with collar, or turtle neck shirts. All tops must have short or long sleeves. A solid navy blue sweater or vest may be worn over the shirt. Permitted bottoms include navy blue slacks or walking shorts for boys, and navy blue slacks, skirts, jumpers, or walking shorts for girls. All bottoms must fit properly at the waist and reach at least to the top of the knee. **Students who fail to wear the required uniform daily will be provided with a rental uniform and will receive a write up in ASPEN using infraction code 2-5.**

Physical Education/Dance Uniform: All students are required to purchase a PE uniform, which can also be worn during dance class. PE Uniforms and dance apparel can be purchased from the main office or on our website (Carnegie.cps.edu) via the EPAY link.

FOOD SERVICE CPS WELLNESS POLICY



Breakfast and lunch are served daily. A lunch form will be sent home on the first day of school. Please read it carefully, complete, and return it to the homeroom teacher no later than **Friday, September 20, 2019**. The cost of a hot lunch will be determined upon completion of the lunch form. All students are provided breakfast daily at no cost from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monthly breakfast and lunch menus are posted on the school's website.

Students love to celebrate birthdays at school, as it is a memorable time to share with teachers and friends, as well as provide a unique opportunity to make healthy eating fun and exciting to students. In an effort to promote a healthy lifestyle and to maximize students' instructional time, **DO NOT send cupcakes and other sweets to school for your child's birthday**. Carnegie school adheres to the CPS Wellness Policy. **Additionally, students are not permitted to order or receive Uber Eats, Grub Hub, or any food deliveries.**

HOLIDAYS, IN-SERVICE & OTHER NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS FOR STUDENTS

September 2, 2019 - Labor Day
 October 14, 2019 - Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day
 November 11, 2019 - Veteran's Day
 November 27 - 29, 2019 - Thanksgiving Holiday

January 20, 2020 - Martin Luther King Day
 February 17, 2020 - President's Day
 May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day

School Improvement Days - November 8, 2019, January 31, 2020, April 17, 2020 & June 17, 2020

Report Card Pick-Up Days - November 13, 2019 & April 22, 2020

Winter Vacation - School will be closed from **December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020** Classes resume on **January 6, 2020**.

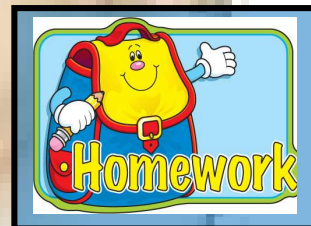
Spring Vacation - School will be closed from **April 6, 2020 to April 10, 2020** Classes resume on **April 13, 2020**.

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS (LSC)



The Local School Council (LSC) will meet at Carnegie School on Tuesdays in Brazier Hall (cafeteria) at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: **September 10, 2019, November 12, 2019, January 14, 2020, March 10, 2020, April 14, 2020, May 12, 2020 & June 4, 2020**. The 2018-19 LSC Officers are: Mrs. Tina Williams, LSC Chairperson, Ms. Jeannette Jones, LSC Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Gina Blanchard, Secretary, & Mr. Zaid BeyMuhammad, Parliamentary.

CPS has a mandatory homework policy. Homework is an important part of our program that contributes towards each grade. We expect students to spend time each evening completing their work and parents are asked to check assignments nightly in order to supervise the completion of homework. It is your child's responsibility to write down his/her assignment(s) and bring home all correspondence. Please monitor this so that your child will be successful in school. The suggested time allocations of teacher-directed homework assignments are: Kindergarten - 15 minutes per day, Grades 1, 2, & 3 - 30 minutes per day, Grades 4, 5, & 6 - 45 minutes per day and Grades 7 & 8 - 90 minutes per day (total across all subjects). Web-based homework can be assigned, therefore, students will need access to the internet and a computer at home. Additionally, we ask that children spend at least another 20 minutes reading daily. We ask that parents of kindergarten students read to their child for 20 minutes each day. A quiet place, free from distractions such as TV and radio, should be available for study.



All student immunizations and physical examinations must be up to date. A copy of your child's immunizations must be submitted to the school nurse in September. A new law now requires all students in grades **kindergarten, second and sixth** to have proof of a dental and vision exam. All new students entering CPS will need physical, vision, and dental exams. The Chicago Board of Education recognizes the relationship between academic achievement and healthy students. However, children must provide proof of required immunizations and health exams before **October 15, 2019** or they will face exclusion from school.

IMMUNIZATIONS PHYSICAL & DENTAL EXAMINATIONS



We will hold our PreK & Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting on **Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Please plan to attend, as this is an important event. You will meet your child's teacher, learn about curriculum



and general information about Carnegie School.



Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 18, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Come out and meet your child's teacher, learn about grading and homework policy, classroom, behavior, and academic expectations.

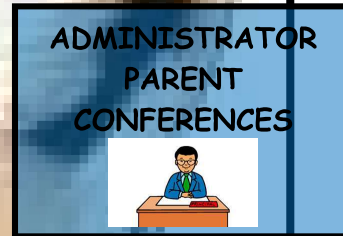
If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, we ask that you schedule an appointment between 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. *Class time is for instruction and cannot be used for conferences.* **Personal phone messages for students are not allowed. We will not interrupt classes to give students phone messages, unless it is a serious emergency. These interruptions are very disruptive. THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**



Cell phones may be used under the direction of the teacher. Unauthorized usage of cell phones is against the Student Code of Conduct and will result in confiscation of the phone with release to parent/guardian ONLY. Those students who bring cell phones must ensure that the phone is secure and locked up daily. If you need to contact your child due to any emergency, please call the main office. Please read the Cell Phone Policy Parent

Letter.

During the hours of 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Principal and Assistant Principal are observing in classrooms and are unavailable. If you would like to meet with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal, we ask that you schedule an appointment between 8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Administrative/Parent Conference Appointment Forms are available in the main office.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



We depend upon and are grateful for your participation in the school. **We especially are in need of volunteers during the lunch/recess periods.** Please contact Mrs. Pollard or Mrs. Roberson if you are interested. All volunteers (including parents) must complete an on-line volunteer application and submit to a background check conducted by the CPS Office of Safety and Security before they can work with students. Volunteers who are providing 5+ hours of service per week must have a TB test and submit a "Proof of Freedom from Tuberculosis" form signed and dated by a physician. Please complete your on-line application as soon as possible; as it takes 2 to 5 weeks to

receive clearance. All volunteer candidates must complete a volunteer application through the Chicago Public Schools CiviCore database. Please visit: cpsvolunteers.org. All volunteers must sign in and out on the volunteer sheet at the front desk on the days they volunteer. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Volunteer Programs at 773-553-1544 or send an email to volunteer@cps.edu.

REPORT CARDS & PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION



Students will receive Progress Reports during the sixth week of each quarter. Progress Reports will be sent home on **October 4, 2019, December 13, 2019, March 6, 2020 and May 22, 2020.** Report cards are distributed each quarter. **Report Card Pick-Up/Parent-Teacher Conference Days** are scheduled for **November 13, 2019 (1st qtr.) and April 22, 2020 (3rd qtr.).** Report cards will be sent home with your child on **February 7, 2020 (2nd qtr.) and June 16, 2020 (4th qtr.).**

Carnegie's Grading Policy

A=90-100
B=80-89
C=70-79
D=60-69
F=59 & below

Grade Calculations

Class work=40%
Test=25%
Quiz=20%
Homework=15%

Grading Scale

Kindergarten

4=Exemplary

3=Proficient

2=Developing

1=Beginning

/=Not Assessed

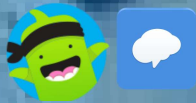
Letter Grade	IB Score Achievement Level	Percentage Grade (for Gradebook)
A	8	100-96
A	7	95-90
B	6	89-86
B	5	85-80
C	4	79-76
C	3	75-70
D	2	69-66
D	1	65-60
F	0	59 & Below

The Parent Portal is a unique web-based tool that allows parents to securely view your child's grades and attendance online. You can register to receive e-mail or text notifications when your child is absent or when his or her grades drop below a point you identify. **Please stay current of your child's progress; Parent Portal updates weekly.**

Core subject area teachers are recommended to enter a minimum of two grades per subject each week. Additionally, you will be able to communicate directly with your child's teachers; enhancing the opportunity for parent-teacher interaction. You will need to submit a Student Information System request to Mrs. Burrage-Brown in the main office. Once she enters a valid e-mail address for the parent/guardian, ASPEN will send next steps to the e-mail on file to finalize the parent's account. The Parent Portal website can be accessed via

aspen.cps.edu. You may also communicate with your child's teacher via **Classdojo** or **Remind**.

PARENT PORTAL CLASSDOJO/REMINDE



aspen.cps.edu

A supply list for each grade level is posted on the school's website. Specific items are requested at different grade levels. If you have any questions regarding supplies, please direct them to the homeroom teacher.



All 7th grade MYP IB students must complete a five week IB Design Project in September. The IB Design Project is designed to be an opportunity for students, working individually or in small teams, to identify, research, conceptualize, develop, and evaluate a solution to a current, global issue. IB Design Projects vary based on each teacher.

IB MYP



Students can be recognized by their teachers and receive a 'Most Improved' medallion in any subject/topic area of the teacher's choosing. Medallions/Trophies are also given to students for participating in school activities (i.e. sports, chess, morning announcers, etc...). Teachers also have the discretion to add a category for recognition, once it is agreed upon by their Grade Level Team and approved by administration.

Trophies are given for the following categories:

- Perfect Attendance: **No absences for the school year**
- 'A' Honor Roll/Principal Scholar: **student received "A's" in all subjects, including resource classes for the first three quarters**
- A/B Honor Roll: **student received "A's/B's" in all subjects, including resource classes for the first three quarters**
- Most Growth: **student gained the most points on the TRC, NWEA Reading, and/or NWEA Math assessment**
- Highest Score: **student scored the highest on the NWEA Reading Assessment, and/or Math assessment**
- Citizenship: **student maintained positive behavior throughout the school year.**

The valedictorian will be the student who has the highest combined GPA for grades 6th-8th. The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest combined GPA for grades 6th-8th. The GPA will be calculated by averaging grade points in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies as follows:

Final grades for 6th & 7th grades

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Guidelines



• 1st - 3rd Quarter average for 8th Grade

The following point scale will be used to determine GPA:

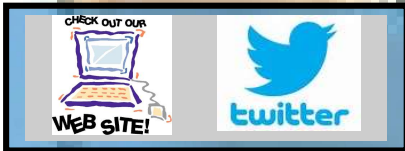
- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

Since students can earn high school credit for the Algebra

course only, the following point scale will be used:

- A = 5 points
- B = 4 points
- C = 3 points
- D = 2 points
- F = 1 point

The total points possible for each grade level (6th - 8th) will be 20 points (21 points for 8th grade if the student took the Algebra course). Averages will be calculated for each grade level, those averages will be added then divided by 3 to determine the final GPA. In the event of a tie, students' 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Reading & Math NWEA scores will be averaged and used to determine placement. If there is still a tie, the two students will be honored as Co-Valedictorians. The grades of top-ranking students who transfer in after 6th grade will be obtained from the previously attended school.



Carnegie School has a website, Facebook & Twitter pages. It contains important information about the educational program and upcoming events as well as individual class links. Follow us on Twitter @ACSCougars, Like us on Facebook (Andrew Carnegie Elementary School), and access the school's webpage: www.carnegie.cps.edu.

All parents/visitors are to enter and exit through the main entrance ONLY. During the day, the doors will be locked from the outside, and you must ring the bell to gain admittance. All visitors are required to sign in and proceed to the main office. Please do not attempt to walk to your child's classroom; interruptions are not allowed during instructional time and visitors must be verified as receiving clearance for CPS's Background Check. It is important that you cooperate with this policy for the safety and security for all.



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