

James M. Singleton Charter School

PRIDE TIME

Perseverant Resiliency: Yes We Can!



From the Head of School's Desk

Given the unique context for this school year, there is alignment among health professional and school leaders nationally that each member of a school community – students, teachers, and parents – has a shared responsibility. Our interconnectedness and impact on each other have never been more relevant. The success of our school year, particularly maximizing time on campus for students for learning, will depend substantially on the individual choices of each member of our community – both on campus and beyond the school day.

We believe strongly that parents and guardians are essential in ensuring the health and safety of our school community. With *responsibility* as one of Singleton's core values, responsible decision making is a guiding principle of our school community. I am writing to communicate our expectations and to ask for your attention and support for this shared responsibility. We are asking each family to prioritize the areas below:

- ***Follow Health Guidelines Both On and Off Campus***
- ***Commit to Open and Honest Communication with the School***
- ***Remain Home if Symptomatic, Exposed, or Pending COVID-19 Tests***

Please know that when we are made aware that members of our school community are not complying with the above guidelines, one of our school leaders will be communicating directly with families.

I believe firmly that the quality of the experience for our entire student body is dependent on the level of commitment to our shared responsibility. We ask for your help and appreciate your understanding and support during these challenging times.

Please take a moment to carefully review this message with your child.

Daily Symptom Check

Before coming to school each day, parents/guardians should perform a health screening of their child according to the protocols in our daily self-assessment. As these protocols clearly indicate, students showing symptoms, or who have a recent positive COVID-19 diagnosis in their household, should stay home from school, and parents should contact our school nurse, Ms. Entekin immediately.

AM Arrival

All walkers and car riders are to enter in the gym entrance near Phillip St. Car riders must be dropped off on the school side of the street. Students are NOT to be dropped off in the middle of the street or on the residential street side. SAFETY is our ONLY priority! Any students improperly dropped off will be referred to the school social worker for child endangerment. Bus riders will enter the building at the main entrance. All students must wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth and will have their temperatures taken upon entry into the building. **No visitors are allowed on campus without an appointment.**



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Important Points

1. Everyone must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times in the building.
2. Student drop off and pick up must be on the building side of the street.
3. Complete COVID self assessment daily.
4. DO NOT send students to school if they are displaying any symptoms. The lives of others are in danger.

GO TO OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR SCHOOL INFORMATION & COVID-19 UPDATES

<http://singletoncharterschool.com/>

☆☆1ST QUARTER GRADES REPORTS WILL BE ISSUED SOON☆☆

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Social Distancing

While on campus, all students should observe social distancing guidelines to the maximum extent possible. Where possible and practical, we recommend at least six feet between all individuals. The halls are all marked with reminders and space indicators.

Departure at the End of the School Day

All students must leave campus immediately after the school day at 2:15 p.m. so that our staff may begin deep cleaning. Walkers and car riders will be dismissed from the gym door near Phillip St. and bus riders will dismiss from the main entrance.

Erika Mann

We have a new website! <http://singletoncharterschool.com/>

Read our school policies in our Student Handbooks. Parents and students are responsible for understanding and adhering to our school guidelines.

2020-2021 Student Handbook

http://singletoncharterschool.com/rc_images/student_handbook_20_21_final_version.pdf

2020-2021 Distance Learning Student Handbook

http://singletoncharterschool.com/rc_images/distance_learning_handbook_20_21_final_version.pdf

Congratulations Corner

- 1. The first week of in-school instruction has been FANTASTIC!!
- 2. Students are reporting to school with their masks on and implementing social distancing practices.



- 3. Teachers have done a great job of practicing social distancing and teaching students how to wash hands properly, remain 6 feet apart, and cleaning spaces after themselves to create the safest environment possible.



Communication

The school will send out robo-text messages often to keep families informed with important information. Please ensure the school has a working number at all times.

The school office is open daily from 7:30am until 3:30pm. The phone number is (504) 568-3466.

Email is the best way to communicate with teachers and staff. All staff email is the first initial and last name of the staff member @singletoncharterschool.com



Students who are absent from school (in-person and virtually) must have appropriate documentation to be excused (e.g. parent note or doctor's note). **Five or more unexcused absences will result in a court referral as mandated by federal law.**

GRADING SCALES

Grading Scale for Kindergarten*		
Grade	Per-centage	Quality Points
O (Outstanding)	100 - 93	4
S (Satisfactory Work)	92 - 85	3
S (Satisfactory Work)	84 - 80	2
NI (Needs Improve-ment)	79 - 67	1
U (Unsatisfactory Work)	66 - 0	0

*Non-Core, Non Academic Ancillary classes also utilize the Kindergarten (O, S, NI, U) grading scale:

- Physical Education (grades 1-2)
- Science and Social Studies (grades 1-2)
- Music/Art/Foreign language/Computer courses

Grading Scale for Grades 1 - 8		
Grade	Percentage	Quality Points
A	100 - 93	4
B	92 - 85	3
C	84 - 80	2
D	79 - 67	1
F	66 - 0	0