

THE TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Procedure for Inclement Weather

For Sunday School:

- Please check the TV stations and their snow closing websites – WHAS, WLKY, and WDRB.
- You may dial the main number of The Temple (425.1818). We will remotely change the message if school is cancelled.
- If the back parking lot is icy/snowy – we will close the back gate and use the front doors at the overhang for drop-off and pick-up for 4th-8th grade.

For Wednesday Hebrew School:

- If JCPS is CLOSED or is canceling ALL afternoon activities, we will NOT have Hebrew School.
- If snow or ice is forecast for the late afternoon/early evening, please check your email or call 423.1818 after 12 noon.
- If your child rides a school bus and inclement weather is forecast, DO NOT let them take the bus to The Temple unless we are definitely in session.
- If the back parking lot is icy/snowy – we will close the back gate and use the front doors at the overhang for drop-off and pick-up. Watch for carpool directions in bad weather.

Please remember that we err on the side of caution – we want everyone to be safe. A dusting of snow will not close school, however if a storm is projected where roads may become dangerous, the closing is discussed with the committee chair and rabbis.

Dress Policy

Students are expected to present a clean and neat appearance appropriate to a religious and academic environment. Students may wear collared shirts, blouses, or T-shirts, provided that no graphics or lettering on the clothing endorses a message that is deemed inappropriate at The Temple. Students may not have bare midriffs, strapless shirts, or shirts with “spaghetti straps”, and all clothing must fit appropriately. The hemline for shorts, skorts, skirts or dresses must be below the fingertips when one’s arms and hands are fully extended down to the side.

If the administration of the Religious School feels a child is inappropriately dressed, the parent will be contacted and the situation discussed.

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy

So as not to disrupt the educational experience of our students, we ask that all cell phones and electronic devices be shut off during the hours of Religious School. Administration may confiscate any utilized device for the duration of class. For a first offense, the student may retrieve the item at the end of school. All subsequent offenses will require a parent to pick up the device at The Temple.

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Although we expect outstanding behavior during Religious School, please be advised of the discipline policy. We would appreciate your discussing these guidelines with your child.

In the event of inappropriate behavior:

- A verbal warning is issued.
- If the verbal warning is not obeyed, the student will be removed from the situation (time out).
- If the behavior does not change/improve, the student will be escorted to the principal.
- Principal will determine if parent(s) need to be contacted.
- Bullying is not tolerated (physical or verbal). Parent(s) will be contacted to discuss.

Early Pick-Up Procedure

In the event that you must pick-up your child prior to Noon on Sunday or before 6:00pm on Wednesday (Hebrew School), please report to the Religious School Office and sign the register (name/date/time). No student is allowed to leave the building unsupervised and wait outdoors for parents.

Nut Aware Food Policy

As a number of our students are affected by peanut and tree nut allergies, our synagogue became a "NUT AWARE" facility. This means that although we cannot guarantee there are absolutely no nuts in the building (in regards to food, not people), we do our best to help those with this allergy. For example, when bringing Oneg treats for Family Shabbats, we always ask for there to be no nuts/nut pieces in or on the treats. We try to check ingredients prior to placing items out for consumption.

Please help us be inclusive of all children – for your events we ask that you:

- Remind your caterer of The Temple policy to not include nuts in foods
- Remind your friends that baked goods should not include or be topped with nuts
- Off site caterers should be asked to eliminate nuts from their food and desserts.

Thank you so much for your attention to the matter and for being sensitive to the needs of others.