

2023-2024



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Student/Parent Handbook

DISD Mission Statement

Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.

LaGrone Academy Mission/Vision:

It is our mission and vision to foster a responsive learning environment focused on the needs of each unique student, to promote achievement of college/career readiness and life goals, while keeping social/emotional needs and our love for the student at the very heart of our values and beliefs.

Values and Beliefs – Our Commitments to Students

- Loving Students First – The central purpose is to connect with students.
- Building Respectful Relationships – Treat students like adults when they act like adults.
- Appreciating Uniqueness – Champion differences.
- Ensuring College/Career/Life Readiness – Application of learning is not optional.
- Teaching Critical Thinking – Teach students to be self-directed in thinking and learning.
- Listening to Students – Students demonstrate capacity for remarkable ideas when we ask and listen.



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This Student/Parent Handbook is an addition to the Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct and is not meant to encompass every situation at our school. Instead, the Student/Parent Handbook provides guidelines for procedures and expected conduct while at the LaGrone Academy. If you cannot find an answer to your situation or question, please ask! The LaGrone staff will be happy to point you in the right direction!

[Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct Link](#)

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Student Parking

Student parking will be on the east side of the new portion of the building or in the CH Collins Athletic Complex parking lot. Please note, students are not allowed to park in Visitor Parking or in the Staff Parking. Parking violations can include: warning stickers, citations, wheel boots, fines, and towing.

Parking permits can be purchased at the front office for \$15. (cash or check only) Complete the parking permit request form [here](#).

Parents are responsible for transporting students to and/or from school if they miss the bus. Transportation will NOT return to pick up students who miss the bus

Student Bus Transportation

DISD Transportation Department will send out an email regarding bus transportation. Information is also available in HAC. Please contact the transportation department with questions at (940) 369-0300.

Door Security

Do not prop outside doors open for any reason. All doors should be closed and secured for everyone's safety. Do not let friends or anyone else in the building through side doors. All students and visitors should enter through the front entrance.

All students arriving outside the normal arrival times as well as visitors, must utilize the new audio/video door buzz-in system. The buzz-in device is at the front of the building, at the far left glass door. After ringing the bell, listen for the receptionist, following prompts as necessary.

Student ID/Dress Code

- All students must maintain their Denton ISD identification and be willing to provide their name and ID#.
- The LaGrone Academy follows the DISD dress code guidelines.
- Additional dress code guidelines will be given and enforced based on specific industry standards as related to the coursework.

LaGrone Academy Merchandise

Be on the lookout for opportunities to purchase LaGrone Merch!

Student Absences

Please remember that any student who is out for five consecutive days must have a doctor's excuse to excuse the absences. Texas attendance rules say that a student has to be in a class at least 90% of the time if they want to be sure to get credit for that class. Students who are absent (excused or unexcused) for more than 10% of the class, will lose credit based on attendance. These students must make up the lost hours in order to regain credit for the course.

All parent notes should be submitted within 3 days of the student's return from being absent. If there are excessive absences, students will be placed on medical note only. School absence notes can be uploaded [HERE](#). You can also upload using this QR Code.



Student Tardies

Students must be on-time and present for classes. Students are allotted 3 free tardies per semester. Students will receive consequences for anything after 3 tardies.

Technology Usage and Expectations

Denton ISD is a one to one district. All students receive a Chromebook. Chromebooks must be returned upon graduation or if a decision is made to leave the district. Graduates will be offered the opportunity to purchase their Chromebook in May! If you do not have a Denton ISD Chromebook, let the front office know so that we can help you!

Here are some expectations regarding technology while enrolled at the LaGrone Academy:

- 1) Bring your ChromeBook fully charged with its charger EVERYDAY!
 - a. If you damage your ChromeBook, you will be assessed a fee for the repair or replacement.
 - b. It is highly recommended that you purchase the district insurance for your device.
- 2) Utilize technology for educational purposes. It should not be a distraction to you or anyone around you.
- 3) Any student failing to return an item in acceptable condition loses the right to free textbooks and technology until the item is returned or the damage paid for by the parent; however, the student will be provided the necessary alternative instructional resources and equipment for use at school during the school day.
- 4) Cell phones should remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes.
- 5) Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.

Lion Laws

- Students are NOT allowed in the staff areas. The staff lounge, staff offices, and staff restrooms are off limits to students.
- Students with 1st or 4th block off, cannot stay on campus. The bus will NOT transport students during this time. If you do not regularly have a

- ride, you will be assigned to another class to complete your schedule.
- Students are NOT allowed in classrooms without supervision
 - Students should NOT visit other classrooms during break-time.
 - Please stay in your designated area. Do not cross the Star unless you are going to the bistro.
 - DO be present in mind and body.
 - Participate in YOUR learning.
 - Encourage others.
 - Communicate with teachers.
 - Have FUN!

Campus of Choice

The LaGrone Academy is a campus of choice in Denton ISD. Students and their families have chosen to attend the LaGrone Academy and have made a commitment to a one-of-a-kind education! In order to maintain high standards at the LaGrone Academy, honoring your commitment to this one-of-a-kind education, you must adhere to guidelines outlined in the DISD Student Code of Conduct and LaGrone Academy Handbook. Failure to follow these guidelines, may result in a termination of your ability to attend the LaGrone Academy. The following factors in upholding your status as a part of the LaGrone Academy's family are regularly monitored by administration and staff:

- Grades
- Attendance (including excessive tardies and absences)
- Behavior

Consequences for Unsatisfactory Behavior

At the LaGrone Academy, we strive for a positive environment where the staff is committed to loving students first! In love, we must hold each other accountable for actions. We will celebrate with our students as their behavior reflects maturity and is aligned with our campus mission and vision.

If necessary, the following campus consequences will be utilized:

- Before school, and lunch detentions
- Suspension of off-campus lunch privileges
- In or Out of School Suspension
- Denton ISD's DAEP
- Expulsion
- Revoke of transfer, requiring student to attend home campus

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:50 am (prices vary)

Lunch is served from 11-12:20 pm (prices vary)

Students may leave campus for lunch, but must return prior to the 12:25 tardy bell. Food delivery orders may only be delivered to the front office. Please do not open side doors for delivery of food items. Food deliveries can only be accepted from 11-12:20.



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BELL SCHEDULE

Full-Time Students

7:55 - 9:25 AM 1st Period
9:30 - 11:00 AM 2nd Period

Lunch/Mid-Day 11:00 - 12:25 PM

12:25 - 1:55 PM 3rd Period
2:00 - 3:30 PM 4th Period



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EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

Buses Run at 11:50AM

7:55 - 8:50 AM 1st Period

8:55 - 9:50 AM 2nd Period

9:55 - 10:50 AM 3rd Period

10:55 - 11:50 AM 4th Period

11:50 AM - Grab & Go Lunch



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Welcome to the LaGrone Academy! We hope that you are excited for the new school year. Thank you for your willingness to help support the LaGrone Academy by serving as an Office Aid/Student Ambassador. By volunteering as an Ambassador for the LaGrone Academy, you are following in the footsteps of many other students of excellence who have served as leaders of our campus. Student ambassadors make important contributions to the life of the LaGrone Academy, and we very much appreciate your efforts and your dedication.

Your contribution is key to the success of the LaGrone Academy. At times, you will be the face of the LaGrone Academy and are expected to assist our staff members, the community, and school as a whole with outreach and recruitment. Your character example in the school and the community is essential to supporting our shared campus vision. Through interactions with prospective students and their families, many times, you will be the main source of information, as you guide others to know the LaGrone Academy. You are expected to be your best self and promote the LaGrone Academy in the same manner.

As you view the following guidelines, keep the following staff and student commitments in mind:

STUDENT COMMITMENTS

- Present mind & body
- Participate in learning
- Encourage others
- Communicate with teachers
- Maintain confidentiality
- Have fun!

TEACHER COMMITMENTS

- Build respectful relationships
- Appreciate uniqueness of each student
- Ensure college and career readiness
- Teach critical thinking
- Listen to our students
- Love students FIRST!

Ambassador Requirements and Expectations

You are expected to serve four groups of people.

- **Visitors**
 - The first face our visitors see needs to be friendly and upbeat. After checking in, visitors may need directions or have questions.
- **Potential students and their parents**
 - You may have the opportunity to give tours of the campus, positively speaking about the different areas of academic focus, as well as answering questions potential families may have.
- **Peers**
 - You are expected to be a positive role model. Your kindness to others and positive attitude will go a long way!
- **LaGrone Staff**
 - You are not only an Ambassador to LaGrone, but also an Office Aide. You will be asked to help out around YOUR campus in various ways.

Items to Note

- Be on time. Please report to the office before the tardy bell.
- Dress appropriately and in accordance with the DISD Dress Code. Remember: you represent the LaGrone Academy Office.
- Avoid talking at length to other students either in the hallway or in classrooms.
 - Remember: they are out of class, so any visiting causes them to miss learning opportunities.
- Do not leave the office without permission/letting someone know.
- When delivering notes, messages, etc., wait for the teacher to stop and give the messages to the teachers only.
- You are a part of the office staff as a student worker.
 - You must maintain strict confidentiality concerning disciplinary, educational, private matters, and any other information you may hear/see. You are not allowed to talk to other students, teachers, or parents about confidential matters. These are protected under the law.
- Perform all Office duties as assigned.



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**Student Ambassador
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Pledge

Professionalism & Student Leadership - I will represent the LaGrone Academy in a positive and professional manner, serving as a role model for my peers and prospective students. I will follow the dress code, maintain confidentiality, possess a positive attitude, respect others, and act politely toward all that I encounter each and every day.

I will strive to be the BEST version of myself!

I, _____, am committed to serving the LaGrone Academy's campus, including the staff and student body. I am *ALL IN*, understanding that I am a highly visible member of our campus community and will serve to the best of my ability.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date