

# Corey Maurice Jackson Academy



CMJ ACADEMY SCHOOL

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**2024 - 2025**  
**Mrs. Ledia Jackson - Director**

**Dr. Phillip M. Jackson – Asst. Director**

# **COREY MARUICE JACKSON ACADEMY**

## **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

### **2024-2025**

#### **HISTORY**

In 2007, Dr. Phillip M. Jackson and Mrs. Ledia S. Jackson founded the Corey Maurice Jackson Academy, Inc. in honor of their (only) son Corey Maurice Jackson. Corey was born on April 16, 1985. He attended Hamilton County Schools and graduated from Hamilton County High School in 2003. He continued his education at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, GA with dreams of one day becoming a professional football player. But sadly, on April 4, 2006, at the tender age of 20, Corey passed away in a tragic automobile accident. In a quest of keeping their son's memory alive, Dr. & Mrs. Jackson are devoted to helping children reach their educational goals and reach their fullest potential in life.

#### **OUR VISION**

Empower the Youth to Achieve by Changing One Life at a Time.

#### **OUR MISSION**

To educate young people and offer them a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance by providing customized curriculum to meet individual needs, and smaller classroom settings with one-on-one instruction to help achieve academic success.

#### **OUR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

##### **School Address:**

106 SW Martin Luther King Drive

Jasper, FL 32052

Administration Office: (386) 638-9902

Fax: (386) 638-9903

##### **School Hours:**

8:00am – 3:00pm Monday – Friday

Website: [www.cmj-academy.com](http://www.cmj-academy.com)

Email Address: cmjacademy@yahoo.com

**COREY MARUICE JACKSON ACADEMY**  
**CLASS SCHEDULE 2024-2025**

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>ACTIVITY:</b>
<b>7:45am – 8:00am</b>	<b>Teacher planning/Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00am – 8:15am</b>	<b>Pledge and Prayer</b>
<b>8:15am -11:30am</b>	<b>Power Learning (this schedule is determined by the teacher)</b>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch / Recess</b>
<b>12:30pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>Power Learning (this schedule is determined by the teacher)</b>
<b>2:45pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>Clean Up / Dismissal</b>

**First Day of School: August 12, 2024**

**Last Day of School: May 23, 2025**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Florida Law states that children who are six (5) by February 1<sup>st</sup> must attend school regularly until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, unless they are exempt or have been expelled by the Corey Maurice Jackson Academy.

Every parent/guardian is solely responsible for the student's attendance. A student who has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days is a habitual truant under the state law. The student may be dealt with as a child in need of services under Chapter 39, Florida Statutes. In addition, the parent/guardian may be subject to criminal prosecution under Chapter 232, Florida Statutes. Excessive absences could result in student not being promoted to the next grade level.

A student between the ages of 16 and 18 may file a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment and will then not be subject to compulsory school attendance. This declaration must be signed by the student and the parent/guardian.

## **RIGHTS OF OUR STUDENTS:**

- To be informed by the Corey Maurice Jackson Academy regarding rules on absenteeism (this includes excused and unexcused) and tardiness
- To make up any class work/test within an appropriate length of time when there is an excused absence.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR STUDENTS:**

- To attend classes daily and to be on time
- To provide adequate documentation explaining all absences
- To request all, make up assignments/tests from teachers upon arrival back to school (from an excused absence) and complete them within the timeframe appointed by the teacher. The teacher will have 24 hours to provide the student with the missing assignment/test.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

Students, per the state law, are required to attend school unless their absence can be deemed as excused by providing the proper documentation. It is the sole responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to explain the nature of the absence to the school and to have this reason approved by the Director. Reasons for excused absences include (but are not limited to):

- Sickness, injury, death of an immediate family member or some other describable issue in which a parental note will suffice.
- Documented appointments with doctors (of any profession).
- Documented absence for religion instructions or holidays
- Participation in academic activities approved by the director
- Court appearances (copy of subpoena required)

## **COREY MARUICE JACKSON ACADEMY**

### **DRESS CODE:**

#### **BOYS:**

- All boys are required to wear the CMJ Academy uniform shirts unless they participate in dress down day on Fridays. If students wear collar shirt (uniform style), they are not required to have CMJ Academy logo on their shirts, but if T-Shirt style shirts are worn, CMJ Academy logo must be on shirt.
- All boys are prohibited from wearing saggy pants and/or shorts. If pants/shorts have a belt loop, a belt must be worn (properly).
- Pants must be either Khaki or jean material (to accompany uniform shirts)
- NO pants are to be worn below the waist

#### **GIRLS:**

- All girls are required to wear the CMJ Academy uniform shirts unless they participate in dress down day on Fridays. If students wear collar shirt (uniform style), they are not required to have CMJ Academy logo on their shirts, but if T-Shirt style shirts are worn, CMJ Academy logo must be on shirt.
- Shorts/skirts must be no shorter than three inches above the kneecap
- Rip jeans can only be worn on Fridays (not with uniform shirts) and if rips are in inappropriate areas, rip jeans must be worn with tights underneath
- If tights or leggings are worn on dress down day (Fridays), they must be covered by a shirt that is at least thigh length

**\*\* On Wednesdays – Chapel Day – All students will wear burgundy uniform shirts with khaki pants\*\***

#### **SHOES:**

- Shoes must be safe and appropriate. It is advised that athletic shoes are worn during physical education activities
- No bedroom slippers, shoes with wheels or Crocs

#### **THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED:**

- Clothing that reveals private body areas or undergarments
- Clothing and/or accessories that are dangerous to health or safety and are deemed as distracting

- Sleepwear or outer garments
- Hat, headgear, headphones, earbuds (unless being used for assignments), hoodies, and/or bandanas
- Jewelry or accessories that can be hazardous to others and that can be used as a weapon such as: spiked jewelry, fishhooks, rubber bands, and/or chains

**The Director has the authority to decide if the clothing worn by students complies with dress code policy.**

## **DISCIPLINE:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense – will result in a warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – will result in parent contact

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – will result in student being written up and parent conference will need to be established

The Corey Maurice Jackson Academy does not tolerate:

- Bullying
- Striking another student or staff member
- Foul language
- Insubordination

These offenses will lead to an immediate write up and parent conference and can ultimately lead to expulsion from the Corey Maurice Jackson Academy

## **CELL PHONES:**

**Students will NOT be allowed to have cell phones out during class work/instruction time. If cell phones are out, they will be confiscated, and parents/guardians will have to come and pick them up.**

## **GRADING SYSTEM:**

This grading system applies to grade levels 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**100% - 90% - A**

**89% - 80% - B**

**79% - 70% - C**

**69% - 60% - D**

**Any grade below a 60% is a failing grade.**

Grades are combined using the below method:

**Test – 45% of Grade**

**Self-Test – 20% of Grade**

**Assignments – 20% of Grade**

**Participation (behavior) – 15% of Grade**

**Students will have 24 hours to make up all missed work from excused absences (unless the Director allots additional time). Failing to turn in assignments will result in a zero (0).**

### **SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

All schedules are established according to the needs of our students. The information from transcripts have been considered, when selecting classes for the 2024-2025 school year. The only reason we may schedule changes are:

- Student needs new courses that are just being offered
- Course student is currently taking is too difficult for student to maintain passing grades
- Student requires a change to correct behavioral and/or safety issues
- Student needs remediation
- Student has a medical excuse
- Student has already taken and PASSED the subject

## 2024-2025 NINE WEEK PERIODS AND REPORT CARD DATES:

ITEMS TO EXPECT:	DATES TO EXPECT:
<b>(First Nine Weeks)</b> Progress Reports	September 17, 2024
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks	October 11, 2024
Report Cards (sent home)	October 24, 2024
<b>(Second Nine Weeks)</b> Progress Reports	November 7, 2024
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks	December 19, 2024
Report Cards (sent home)	January 9, 2025
<b>(Third Nine Weeks)</b> Progress Reports	February 6, 2025
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks	March 14, 2025
Report Cards (sent home)	March 20, 2025
<b>(Fourth Nine Weeks)</b> Progress Reports	April 24, 2025
End of Fourth Nine Weeks	May 23, 2025

### Non-Student Days

**September 2, 2024** (Labor Day)  
**September 3, 2024** (Professional Development Day)  
**October 14, 2024** (Teacher Workday)  
**November 11, 2024** (Professional Development Day)  
**November 22, 2024** (1/2 Day – Early Dismissal 12:00pm)  
**November 25-29, 2024** (Thanksgiving Break)  
**December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024** (Early Dismissal 12:00pm)  
**December 20 -31, 2024** (Christmas Break)  
**January 1 -3, 2025** (New Year's)  
**January 6, 2025** (Teacher Workday)  
**January 20, 2025** (MLK Holiday)  
**February 17, 2025** (President's Day Holiday)  
**February 18, 2025** (Professional Development Day)  
**March 17, 2025** (Teacher Workday)  
**April 11, 2025** (1/2 Day – Early Dismissal 12:00pm)  
**April 14-21, 2025** (Spring Break)  
**May 22, 2025** (1/2 Day – Early Dismissal 12:00pm)  
**May 23, 2025** – (Last day of school)



**COREY MARUICE JACKSON ACADEMY PARENT'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the CMJ Academy Handbook in its entirety. I agree to uphold all the rules and regulations that are stated in the handbook. As the guardian of, \_\_\_\_\_, I will make sure that I sign all necessary paper work in a timely manner (lunch applications, Step Up for Students tuition, graded work, etc.). I read and understand the disciplinary actions that will be taken by the CMJ Academy if my child(ren) do not abide by the stated rules. I also understand that I can request a parent conference at any time, to discuss the progress of my child(ren).

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Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Director's Signature

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Date