

SCHOLAR IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Purpose

To promote a safe and secure educational environment, all Jackson Public Schools (JPS) scholars in grades 6–12 are required to always wear an official district-issued scholar identification (ID) badge during school hours, on school buses, and at school-sponsored activities.

Use of District-Issued Scholar ID Badges

Scholars are required to always wear their district-issued scholar ID badges visibly in the following settings and activities:

Transportation

- While boarding, riding, and exiting the school bus to and from school and any school-sponsored activity involving district transportation.

On Campus

- Upon arrival and during the entire school day, including during transitions between classes, lunch, and dismissal.
- During after-school programs and tutoring sessions held on school grounds.

School-Related Activities

- During field trips, athletic events, academic competitions, and any off-campus school-sponsored activity or event.

School Facilities

- When entering the school building, library, cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, or any designated restricted-access areas.
- When checking in or out of school during the school day.

ID Badge Specifications

ID badges will be provided at the scholar's school and are to be considered Jackson Public Schools property. The individual schools will ensure a photograph of the scholar is taken. The ID badges will display the scholar's name and their current school. The badges will not contain any information which will permit access to any of the scholars' educational records.

Badges must be worn above the waist on a lanyard or clip provided by the district or school. ID badges may not be altered, defaced, or worn inappropriately (e.g., inside clothing, backwards, or attached to bookbags).

Scholars may not allow another scholar to use their ID badge, nor may scholars duplicate or change their badges in any way. Scholars are required to show their ID badges when requested by Jackson Public Schools administrators or staff.

When scholars graduate, transfer to a different school, or withdraw from Jackson Public Schools they must return their ID badges to the school that issued the badge.

Replacement and Lost ID Badges

- Scholars who lose or damage their ID badge must report it immediately to the school's designated office (e.g., front office or assistant principal).
- A temporary ID badge will be issued for the day.
- A permanent replacement ID will be issued within three (3) to five (5) school days.
- The following fee schedule applies:
 - First replacement: Free
 - Second and subsequent replacements: \$5.00 each, unless waived due to financial hardship.

Non-Compliance Procedures

1. First Violation: Verbal reminder and issuance of a temporary ID.
2. Second Violation: Parent/guardian contact and issuance of a temporary ID.
3. Third Violation: Administrative conference and possible detention or loss of privileges (e.g., extracurricular participation).
4. Chronic Non-Compliance: Referral to school administration for a behavior intervention plan, with parent/guardian involvement.

If a scholar fraudulently uses their ID badge or refuses to show their badge upon the request of a Jackson Public School District employee, appropriate consequences may be imposed.

All disciplinary actions must be aligned with the District's Scholar Code of Conduct and must not disproportionately impact scholars with disabilities or scholars experiencing hardship.

Exemptions and Accommodations

- Reasonable accommodations will be made for scholars with documented disabilities or sensory sensitivities that interfere with wearing a badge.
- Scholars participating in physical education or certain extracurricular activities may be permitted to store badges temporarily, as approved by a school administrator.

Implementation and Review

School principals are responsible for enforcing this policy and ensuring staff and scholars are trained on expectations during orientation and throughout the school year.

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