Charter Oak Primary School
2020-2021
Student & Parent Handbook

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*Our school's discipline policies are now outlined in a district discipline handbook which can be downloaded by visiting*  
[www.peoriapublicschools.org/discipline](http://www.peoriapublicschools.org/discipline)
Peoria Public Schools Mission Statement
Through collaborative efficacy, Charter Oak is committed to educating all students in a supportive, safe, & rigorous learning environment to reach their highest potential, equipped to be lifelong learners.

Peoria Public Schools Vision Statement
We take pride in educating and graduating each student prepared and inspired to contribute to the world.

Peoria Public Schools Values
- **Excellence** that knows no fear of new and different ways.
- **Respect** that recognizes differences and values people as they are.
- **Integrity** that speaks the truth and acts with honor.
- **Collaboration** that finds solutions and produces results.
- **Communication** that builds understanding and enthusiasm.
- **Commitment and Accountability** that foster action and achievement.

Charter Oak Mission Statement
Charter Oak Primary School is dedicated to providing a solid foundation for lifelong educational and social success to a diverse population of learners.

Charter Oak Motto
Growing Future Leaders

Charter Oak Expectations
- * We are safe.
- * We are respectful to ourselves and to others.
- * We are responsible and ready to learn.

Bobcats that follow the Charter Oak Expectations, will always be on the WINNING TEAM!

Charter Oak Colors
Red, White, & Blue
Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Charter Oak! I am confident we will have a successful, positive, and rewarding school year! Our Charter Oak Expectations state, "We are safe, respectful, responsible, and ready to learn." We can achieve our mission when we all work together to accomplish these expectations every day. To accomplish this, students, parents, and staff must work together to ensure our unified success. This handbook will help you and your child become familiar with our policies, beliefs, and procedures. Please take the time to sign and return the verification form indicating that you have read and understood our handbook.

We want your child’s experience to be educationally focused and productive! You are an important part of this team unifying home, school, and community working together to assure each student reaches his/her highest potential. Our hope is that each student feels a sense of belonging in a safe, loving environment where they can explore their creativity and decision making skills in fun and academically rewarding ways.

To uphold our mission of being "dedicated to providing a solid foundation for life-long educational and social success", the following “Bobcat Basics” will help our unified team guarantee every child’s success:

- **Support the school.**
  - The Charter Oak school community is awesome because of families like yours! We hope you’ll participate in the great things we do!
  - Maintain a positive attitude about your child’s education, school, teachers, and district.
  - Assist in providing the best educational experience for your child (supporting homework and reading logs, school and classroom expectations, getting involved, etc.).
  - Join the Parent-Teacher Club (PTC).
- **Insist upon regular attendance and punctuality.**
  - See that your child attends school on time every day.
- **Get to know your child’s teachers.**
  - Know and work with your child’s teachers. Ongoing communication is important to every child’s success.
- **Read and discuss this handbook with your child.**
  - Maintain a better understanding of our expectations, operations, and events for Charter Oak Primary School.

I know this will be another remarkable year. Together, we will continue to promote excellence for every child at Charter Oak Primary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call 693-4433.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Rodriguez, Principal
Dear Parent:

In accordance with ESEA Section 1111(h)(6) PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW, Peoria Public School District 150 is notifying every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right and may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s classroom teacher. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s classroom teachers including, at a minimum, the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If at any time your child has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher not highly qualified, the school will notify you.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at the following phone number 309-693-4433.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathy Rodriguez, Principal
Parent Involvement Policy/General Title I Plan Overview

A. The Charter Oak Primary Title 1 plan, its parental involvement policies, and the process for reviewing the Title 1 plan must be jointly developed and agreed upon with the parents of Title 1 participating children.

B. The Charter Oak Primary Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy and changes in the policy will be distributed to the parents of participating children.

C. Charter Oak Primary will establish a Universal Leadership Team consisting of parents, teachers, staff, community members, and administrators. This committee shall be involved in decisions regarding how the Title 1 parent funds are used to enhance parent involvement.

D. Charter Oak Primary will develop a plan for building strong parental involvement programs. The plan will be included with the school’s overall Title 1 plan.

E. Charter Oak Primary will actively promote appropriate professional development programs for teacher, parents, pupil services personnel, administrators and the other staff in order to raise academic standards and performance of the Title 1 students.

F. Charter Oak Primary will encourage parents of Title 1 children to provide necessary feedback and suggestions for planning, developing and implementing effective Title 1 programs. The responsibilities of the school and parents as partners in education will be outlined in a signed school/parent compact. The responsibilities of the school and parents as partners in education will be outlined in a signed school/parent compact.

G. Charter Oak Primary will collaborate with other agencies providing services to children, parents, and families, including health and social services.

H. Charter Oak Primary will annually measure the progress that Title 1 students are making toward meeting State student performance standards through the use of high quality student assessments and report the information to parents, students, and teachers.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (309) 693-4433.

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Mrs. Kathy Rodriguez, Principal
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<td>Unpack Your Backpack (1st-4th) 11:00 a.m.-1:00 pm (Bring in supplies, see the classroom, &amp; meet the teacher)</td>
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<td>2020-2021 Kick Off Parking Lot Parade 6:00-7:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Unpack Your Backpack (kindergarten) 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>First Day of School - <strong>FULL DAY for all students, 8:30-2:30</strong></td>
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<td>September 4, Fri.</td>
<td>Fannie May Fundraiser Kick Off</td>
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<td>September 7, Mon.</td>
<td><strong>Labor Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL</strong></td>
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<td>September 8, Tues.</td>
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<td>Charter Oak School Picture Day</td>
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<td>Parent University, 5:00-8:00 p.m. @ Greater Peoria Family YMCA</td>
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<td>Dashing Through the Door Decor Family Walk 5PM-6PM</td>
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<td><strong>School resumes for students</strong></td>
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<td>January 16, Fri.</td>
<td><strong>Family Fun &amp; Fit Night</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Boundary Waiver Window closes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PTC Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Young Author Manuscripts due</strong></td>
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<td>February 3, Wed.</td>
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<td><strong>Valentine’s Day Room Parties 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PTC Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Parent University 5:00-8:00 PM location TBD</strong></td>
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<td>April 6, Tues.</td>
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<td><strong>Spirit Week, daily themes TBA</strong></td>
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<td>April 24, Sat.</td>
<td><strong>Charter Oak Carnival, Auction, &amp; Dinner, 5:00-8:00PM</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Kindergarten Roundup at The Peoria Zoo, times TBD</strong></td>
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<td>May 3-7</td>
<td><strong>Teacher Appreciation Week, daily gift themes TBA</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Charter Oak Spring Concert &amp; Fine Arts Night, 6:30PM-7:15PM</strong></td>
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<td><strong>College Colors Day</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Field Day</strong></td>
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<td>May 27, Thurs.</td>
<td><strong>Awards Day, times TBA (Parents will receive an invitation if your child will be receiving an award.) &amp; 4th Grade Party, time TBA</strong></td>
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<td>May 28, Fri.</td>
<td><strong>Last Day of School for Students -- ½ Day School 11:30 a.m. Dismissal</strong></td>
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*50 Cent Fridays: on Fridays only, students may pay 50 cents & wear non-uniform, school-appropriate bottoms with their spirit wear shirt, or uniform shirt. This is an on-going PTC fundraiser & is subject to its success.*
**Hours of Operation:**

School Hour: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Teachers/Supervision: 8:15 AM - 3:45 PM  
Early Release Time for Sip Days: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Office Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**No Admittance/Supervision Prior to 8:15 AM:**
Children will not be allowed access into the building prior to 8:15 AM unless they are in Latchkey or participating in a pre-arranged supervised club/activity. No supervision is provided, and children will not be admitted into the building. With our “call-in button” located at the main entrance, the doors will be locked until 8:15 AM. It is important that no student be left unattended while waiting for the opening of the school building.

**Parent Pick-Up:**
Parents will not be permitted in the building prior to the ending of school without authorized permission (call-in button) from the office. Unless pre-arranged, visiting your child’s classroom during instructional time is not permitted as it results in an interruption to the learning of all children. Once the ending bell at 3:30 PM has sounded, parents can pick up their children in the front or side of school (depending on the grade), or in the gym on inclement weather days.

**Early Arrivals & Late Pick-Ups:**
Any student in the building not assigned to a before or after-school activity will be placed in our Latchkey Program. **Parents will be charged for Latchkey services. Payment must be made upon pick up. No exceptions.** After 6:00 PM, students still not picked up will be released to District #150 Resource Officer or Peoria Police Department.

The **Latchkey Program** is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please stop by the office for more information, or go to the YMCA website to register. **Latchkey is a paid program from 6:30-8:30 AM and 3:30-6:00 PM. Latchkey is also open on half days of school.**

**Visitor Policy, Procedures, and Conduct on School Property:**
For purposes of this policy, “school property” means school buildings, district buildings not being used as a school, vehicles used for school purposes, any location used during a school athletic or sponsored event, and school grounds. Visitors include all family members, friends, and acquaintances of students and/or staff.

The Charter Oak Primary School staff encourages you to visit the school on a frequent basis. When visiting the school, parents must acquire an appointment time and date with the teacher beforehand as to not disturb the learning environment for all children. The safety of your child and all students is our top priority. Your full cooperation is expected. Visitation is subject to new CDC guidelines. More information will be forthcoming.

**Procedures for Visiting: (Must enter and exit through the front doors only)**
A. Individuals wishing to confer with a teacher must contact the teacher by phone, email, or in writing to make an appointment.
B. Conferences with teachers are to be held before or after school hours or during the teacher’s conference/preparation period.

C. Use the call button to request entry into the building. Video surveillance is used to monitor entrance and exits to the school. Teachers, support staff, and students are trained to direct all visitors to the office. The office will be notified immediately if an individual(s) is within the building not wearing a visitor’s badge and “does not belong.”

D. Enter through the door and proceed immediately to the office. Signage clearly indicates that “Visitors Report to Main Office.”

E. Upon entering the building, everyone MUST sign-in, provide car keys or other collateral, and obtain a “Visitor’s Pass” from the Main Office.

F. Display visitor’s pass at all times.

G. Visitors must exhibit behavior appropriate for school setting at all times.

H. Return to Main Office and sign-out upon departure from the building.

Security:
One of our goals is to maintain a safe, responsible learning environment for every child. Any person or persons may be asked to leave school property, or have security called, if they, in any way, disrupt the teaching, learning, and working environments of the school (according to board policy).

Absences:
All students are required by law to attend school every day it is in session. The regular school day is from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The following times are used to determine tardy and absence reporting:

Tardy
Student arrives between 8:31 AM and 9:30 AM
Student leaves between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM

1/2 Day Absent
Student arrives between 9:31 AM and 1:00 PM
Student leaves between 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM

Full Day Absent
Student arrives after 1:31 PM
Student leaves before 11:00 AM

Reporting Absences:
Good attendance is essential in supporting the academic progress of our students. If your child will be absent or tardy, you may call Charter Oak at 693-4433 by 9:00 AM. A note, email, or phone call from the parent/guardian is required within 48 hours of an absence for the student to be considered excused. Non-reported absences will result in an automated phone call to your home and be documented as unexcused. Three days of unreported absences may result in a referral to Project T.A.R.G.E.T and/or the State Attorney’s Office.
Tardiness:
It is important that students be on time to begin our school day. Students may come on school grounds at 8:15 AM. After picking up their “Grab & Go” Breakfast in designated locations in the hallways, students are to go directly to their classroom. Students arriving before 8:15 AM must remain with their parent/guardian until 8:15 AM. The YMCA offers before and after Latchkey services at Charter Oak for students who need supervision before 8:15 AM. Students who are dropped off before 8:15 AM will be sent to Latchkey and the parent/guardian will be charged for Latchkey services. For safety reasons, students are not to play on the school playground equipment before/after school. At 8:30 AM, our school day begins. If a student arrives after 8:30 AM, he or she is considered tardy. **All students who arrive after 8:30 AM must report to the front office accompanied by a parent to receive a pass to be admitted to class.**

Illness/Accidents at School:
Accidents will be reported to the teacher and/or office as soon as possible. Any time an illness or accident occurs with a student, parents/guardians, or any other individuals on the emergency card will be called by the student’s classroom teacher and/or office. Parent’s prompt attention to these urgent matters is appreciated.

Administration of Student Medication:
Teachers and other non-administrative school employees, except school nurses and non-certified registered professional nurses, shall not be required to administer medication to students. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for administering medication to their children. Administering medication during school hours or school-related activities is discouraged unless it is necessary for the critical health and well-being of the student. If medication is required to be administered, the school is required to have a Form 615 on file (administering of medication at school) which gives the school permission to administer the specific medication(s).

Emergency Cards/Information:
An emergency card or online information site is filled out during open registration. Please fill out this information completely. Records must include **at least three working phone numbers at all times. No one will be allowed to remove a child from the school unless listed on the emergency contact card.** Always have identification available when signing a child out of the building.

Emergency Notification:
Please be sure to have current and accurate information regarding the address and phone numbers of those persons whom you wish for us to call in the event of an emergency. It is not unusual for circumstances to arise which require parent notification (illness, injury, etc.). It is MOST IMPORTANT that we are able to contact you, or someone, who will attend to your child’s needs. Your assistance in this matter is essential in order for us to ensure a safe environment for ALL of our students. Please be sure you list three contact numbers on each card.
Arrival Procedures:

All:
- All students will line up outside in designated location based on their grade level and class. On inclement weather days, we will line up in the gym.
- **Students are not supervised prior to 8:15 AM.**
- Teachers and staff will be on hand to monitor the students beginning at 8:15 AM.
- Students are not allowed to play or meander around the playground prior to the start of school.
- Students receive breakfast on their way to class.
- Upon entering school, students are to stay in their class lines, or report directly to their classroom for breakfast and classroom morning meetings.

Car Drop-off:
- Car traffic around the school must **adhere to the signs and traffic laws** to promote a safe school zone for Charter Oak students. **It is extremely dangerous to let a passenger (student) out of the car if the car they are exiting is not pulled up DIRECTLY and ENTIRELY to the curb.** Further, please avoid the circle drive for drop off and pick up, as that drive is used for buses only. Use the curb to the right of the building, in the main parking lot.
- There is no parking on Timberedge Drive in front of the school. Do not park your car for even a short amount of time to simply walk your child to the building as this is an unlawful violation of the signs located along the street in front of the school.
- If you are walking your child into the school, it is imperative that you park your car in an area designated for on-street parking, or in our main parking lot. Do not block residential driveways for personal parking.
- Furthermore, in order to avoid nuisance, do not honk horns unless absolutely necessary.

Bus Riders:
- The buses will be dropping students off in the front of the building on the circle drive.
- Students are expected to exit the bus, and go directly to their class line.

Dismissal Procedures:

All:
- Children are required to follow all dismissal procedures.
- All students will be dismissed by their classroom teacher. Teachers and staff will supervise and monitor students’ departure.
- Students are not allowed to play or meander around the school or playground after school.
- Students are to remain in their classroom line until the teacher dismisses them for release to parent, bus, latch key, or after-school activity.
- Students who have not departed the school by 3:45 PM will be supervised by the Latchkey staff. Fees will be incurred for this paid supervision service (in Parent Handbook).
- **If there is a change from the regular procedures for your child (i.e. change in person picking up, attend Latchkey instead of riding bus, etc.), parents**
must submit written verification/notification to the Main Office in advance. Photo identification is expected of anyone picking up a child. Prior authorization must always be established by the parent/guardian for anyone picking up a child.

- Parents wishing to pick up their child early from school should notify the office in writing prior to the request for early dismissal. Once in class, students are expected to remain in class. Absences (unexcused/excused) will be granted only in emergency situations or with a current doctor’s note. Students leaving early from school for any reason will receive a half-day absence.

**Car Pick-up:**

- Car traffic in the front of the school must adhere to the signs and traffic laws to promote a safe school zone for Charter Oak students. It is extremely dangerous to let a passenger (student) into the car if the car is not DIRECTLY and ENTIRELY pulled up to a permissible parking area (CURB). Further, in order to promote a quick and easy departure, the signs indicate that directly in the front of the school is a NO PARKING ZONE.
- There is no parking on Timberedge Drive in front of the school. Do not park your car for even a short amount of time to simply walk to pick up your child as this is an unlawful violation of the signs located along the street in front of the school. Do not park your car to walk into the school to get your child as this is an unlawful violation of the signs located along the street in front of the school.
- If you go into the school for your child, park your car in an area designated for on-street parking, or in our main parking lot.
- Honking horns to signal a child to the car is an annoyance that disrupts an orderly dismissal.

**Bus Riders:**

- The buses will be departing from the front of the school in the circle drive.
- Students will be supervised by staff while traveling to their designated bus.

**Latchkey Program:**

Charter Oak provides a before- and after-school program in our facility. Latchkey is a paid program from 6:30-8:15 AM and 3:30-6:00 PM. Latchkey is also open on half days of school. For more information and/or registration information visit our latchkey web page at https://www.peoriapublicschools.org/domain/5493, or call the school at 693-4433. This program is run by our Charter Oak staff members.

**School Attire and Uniforms:**

The Board of Education has adopted a uniform policy for all primary and middle schools. All Charter Oak Kindergarten through 4th Grade students are expected to be in full uniform every school day. Student attire should be appropriate for the weather. The following attire is appropriate:

- Pants, shorts, dresses, or skirts in black, navy blue, or khaki/beige.
- No denim of any color is allowed.
- Shirts must have a collar (polo shirts) or turtle neck in solid red, white, or blue.
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- No t-shirts.
- Long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirts, but must be of solid, uniform color (red, white, or blue).
- Sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn over a uniform shirt during the winter months. They must be solid red, white, or blue.
- Sweatshirts or jackets with a hood of any color are not to be worn inside the classrooms. As stated in board policy, no coats or jackets are to be worn within the school. Strict adherence to the dress code will be enforced.

Spirit Wear Friday & 50 Cent Friday Bottom Buy Out:
On Fridays, Charter Oak Spirit Wear shirts may be worn with standard uniform bottoms. Spirit Wear shirts must be worn appropriately (no tying/knotting, no cutting or modifying in any way). All other uniform policy guidelines apply. We are instituting a 50 Cent Friday Bottom Buy Out this year. This is a weekly, on-going PTC fundraiser that gives students an opportunity to wear non-uniform bottoms (jeans, skirts, basketball shorts, jogging pants, etc.) with their uniform shirt, or spirit wear shirt, for 50 cents each Friday. This is subject to its success.

PBIS:
We are a PBIS school. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Our school operates on the following three Charter Oak Expectations:

1. We are safe.
2. We are respectful to ourselves & to others.
3. We are responsible & ready to learn.

All students are to exercise these expectations on a daily basis. These are "Basics for Balanced Bobcats"! Students earn “Bobcat Tickets” to use throughout the year at our PBIS store. Students at Charter Oak are proud to be held to high standards of civility and anti-bullying behavior. We work to instill civic responsibility and caring for others as a part of our PBIS program. At Charter Oak, kindness rules the school!

Students will also be held accountable anytime they choose not to comply with being safe, respectful, responsible, or ready to learn.

Communication with Parents:
Your child will bring home a monthly school newsletter. It will be sent home at the beginning of each month and contains general information important to parents. Special flyers may be sent out as reminders of special dates and opportunities. Also, we frequently use the Skylert phone system to notify and/or remind families of holidays, parent conferences, and other weekly events. Teachers will also send home a weekly or bi-weekly classroom/grade level newsletter which provides a great opportunity for parents to know exactly what is going on with their child’s education. The school website will also be utilized as an informational tool. Please check the website for up-to-date information.
Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Parent-teacher conferences will be held at the end of the first and third quarter. Attendance at these conferences is very important and teachers are encouraged to conference with each family. Students may attend and contribute to the conference. Conference dates are October 15th and 16th, and March 27th and 28th. Student-led conferences will be utilized in some classrooms. Parents do have an option of a separate conference if desired and should be arranged with the teacher(s).

Monday, October 19th - 4:00PM-7:00PM
Tuesday, October 20th - 4:00PM-7:00PM

DVD/Videos:
DVDs and videos can be an excellent resource for student engagement and learning in our classrooms. DVDs and videos, which are shown in the classroom, will relate to instruction. If asked, the teacher will be able to justify showing the videos in the class. All content will be rated "G", unless permission is given by the principal and parents notified. Parameters have been provided to the teachers for the content presented to the students.

Field Trips:
Classrooms take field trips during the school year. We teach students that they are representing our entire school during these trips. It is our experience that Charter Oak students have always demonstrated outstanding behavior on previous trips. Field trips are provided to enrich the educational program and give children experiences they may not otherwise have. We are often interested in parents being chaperones on certain trips. Chaperones that are not parents must be 21 years or older. Siblings, ages 0-20, are not allowed to attend. This is a wonderful way to be involved. All rules, policies, and procedures apply. Information slips are sent home at least one week prior to the field trip and parental signatures are necessary for a child to attend, unless it is a district sponsored field trip.

Emergency Drills:
Several times throughout the year, we will have disaster drill practice for the possibility of tornado or fire. Additionally, we practice Lockdown drills, which cover other types of emergency in the school. (These emergencies include intruders, violent behaviors, disruptive confrontations, medical emergencies, etc.) In order for school officials, personnel, School Resource Officers, and emergency teams to operate effectively, children are expected to cooperate fully with the procedures. Students not cooperating may receive disciplinary consequences.

School Breakfast:
All students receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. The breakfast program will take place in our classrooms. Students who arrive late will be permitted to eat breakfast as available.

Lunchroom/Recess:
In order to feed children in the most effective way, we group children by grade level. Each group of children has 20 minutes to eat with 10 minutes to play outdoors after lunch during good weather days, or in
the gym on inclement weather days. Students are expected to exhibit good behavior at lunch and recess. Students may be placed on a time-out in the cafeteria, by the building, or fence. Any actions which are disrespectful, dangerous, intimidating or of a bullying nature will be disciplined by recess officials and/or administration. Children will have choices for lunch from two or three menus each day.

Playground Procedures:
The rules for lunch recess are numbered below. Students are explicitly taught & expected to follow our Playground Basics. The bullets provide general expectations about recess time.

1. Keep hands and feet to yourself
   • No shoving or pulling
2. Obey and respect adults
   • Walk to line up when the bell rings
3. Use proper language and good manners
   • One person on the slide at a time
   • Share / take turns
   • Report any damage, misuse, or dangerous play to supervisor(s)
4. Use equipment safely
   • No climbing up slides
   • No jumping out the sides of the slides
   • No climbing on railings or slide hoods
   • No jumping from atop equipment
   • Leave the wood chips on the ground
   • No playing with balls or jump ropes on or around the equipment
5. Play in designated area

Students are encouraged to play competitive games that teach sportsmanship such as basketball, four square, soccer, kickball, jump rope, etc. Fighting, karate, tackling, tumbling, and snowball fights are not allowed on the playground. Items such as rocks, glass, hard balls, sticks, snowballs, etc. are not allowed to be thrown on the playground. Students who either engage in or promote fighting will receive disciplinary action.

Charter Oak provides sporting equipment for students to use during PE and recess. Students are not to bring balls or toys to school.

Birthday Treat Guidelines:
Birthdays are special events for children. We welcome birthday treats at the school but ask parents follow a few simple guidelines. Please bring only individually wrapped, store bought treats for your child’s birthday. Nutritional labels need to be on packaging as well to ensure that students with food allergies are safe. We ask that treats are dropped off in the office, and school staff will deliver the treats to the classroom. In addition, we ask that balloons, flowers, etc. are not brought to school as those types of items are best given at home. Birthday treats not meeting the guidelines above will not be allowed in the classroom.
Textbooks:
Textbooks will be checked to students on the day they are issued—each book has a unique number. Any books that are lost or damaged must be paid for at the full purchase price; consequently, students should be cautious about leaving them on the playground or bus, loose in the halls, or loaning them to a classmate. Textbooks should not be torn, written in or damaged in any way. Books should not be marked in any places other than the name, room, school and year at the front. Each student is responsible for his/her books. Parents will be billed for lost or damaged books.

Student Records:
Students’ temporary records are subject to periodic review for purposes of removing all information, which is out-of-date, inaccurate or irrelevant. You are entitled to copies of these records prior to their destruction. Please be advised that these records will be destroyed on June 14, 2019.

Assessments:
Throughout the year, students at all grade levels will participate in a number of assessments/tests. These tests are administered to various grades throughout the school and parents are given notification concerning when these will occur. Additionally, we administer quarterly assessment exams throughout the entire school year. Many exams are computerized; parents may request children’s scores from the classroom teacher.

Homework Policy:
Homework is issued Monday through Thursday. Successful readers spend time reading alone and/or to someone at home nightly. Students are expected to complete all assigned homework. Classroom grades are based, in part, on homework. If a child is unable to complete his/her homework due to situations at home, a note should be sent with the child as an excuse.

Make-up Work:
Missing assignments shall be marked as a zero in the Skyward Gradebook. A student, who is present but did not turn in an assignment, shall be provided the opportunity to make up the assignment. The earned grade on the missing assignment will lose one letter grade per day until that assignment turns into an “F”. If the assignment is not turned in, it would still be marked as a zero.

Progress Reports:
Progress reports are sent home midway through quarters to inform parents of their child’s progress. Any questions regarding progress should be addressed to the homeroom teacher and may be done by phone or at a special conference. Grades are issued on the district scale (90%-100% = A). There are no plus or minus grades. Kindergarten Progress Reports are not required, but the Kindergarten teachers will be glad to provide feedback on student progress if requested.
Progress Reports

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Grading Scale:

Grades awarded on the report card shall be equivalent to the following percentages:

- A = 90 to 100
- B = 80 to 89
- C = 70 to 79
- D = 60 to 69
- F = 59 and below

Kindergarten will utilize a skill-based report card with grade designations as determined by the District.

Honors:

Student achievement is extremely important at Charter Oak Primary School. We celebrate the following each quarter:

- Principal’s Honor Roll: All A’s, all year in all subjects
- Honor Roll: All A’s and no more than one B’s in all subjects all year
- Perfect Attendance: No absences or tardees all year
- Accelerated Reader: Reached AR gold medal goal
- Physical Fitness Awards: Top physical fitness scores
- Bobcat Citizenship: Awarded to two students per homeroom for displaying excellent conduct & effort
- Bully Patrol Medal: Bully Patrol participants with excellent participation & no discipline referrals all year

Student Discipline:

Charter Oak Primary School follows the district’s discipline handbook in all discipline related matters. The district discipline handbook can be found by visiting www.peoriapublicschools.org/discipline or requesting the document in print by visiting the school office.

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Charter Oak Primary School
Parent and Student Commitment 2020-2021

As a member of the Charter Oak family, I understand and support its academic programs. I realize that when I enroll my child at Charter Oak, I also agree to become an active partner in the education of my child and the learning community at Charter Oak. I pledge to do my fair share of service with my child’s school by agreeing to actively participate in my child’s academics and school sponsored activities.

1. I understand that my child and I are expected to work with Charter Oak staff as part of an effective educational team.
2. I understand that my child is expected to attend school daily, to arrive promptly, and to remain throughout the scheduled hours.
3. I understand my child is to cooperate and conduct himself/herself with teachers, other adults, and classmates in a manner showing respect to all persons.
4. I understand my child is to complete all work, including homework and work missed due to field trips and/or illness.
5. I understand my child must be eligible (per district and school guidelines) to attend/participate in clubs and activities according to the established eligibility criteria as stated in the Charter Oak student handbook.
6. I understand my child is to respect and care for all equipment, supplies, and school property.
7. I understand that as a parent, I am expected to reasonably attend all school activities including teacher conferences, parent nights, and curriculum events/performances.
8. I understand my child must adhere to all Peoria Board of Education and Charter Oak Primary School policies.

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As a family, we have read and discussed the handbook of expectations and guidelines for Charter Oak Primary School. Turn in a form for each child attending Charter Oak.

__________________________________ Date: _____/_____/______  __________________________
Print name of Parent/Guardian  Signature of Parent/Guardian

The student hereby agrees to work with the parents and staff in compliance with the above responsibilities.

__________________________________ Date: _____/_____/______  __________________________
Print name of Student  Signature of Student

RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER.