

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad
L.B.S.Y.

Parent Information
Handbook

2018-2019/5778-5779

Grades K-8

Jewish Community Center

3600 Dutchman's Lane

Louisville, KY 40205

L.B.S.Y. School Hours

Sundays-9:30-12:30

Wednesdays-4:30-6:30

Dear Parents,

Educating children to live Jewishly as responsible, knowledgeable, citizens is a responsibility that the staff of L.B.S.Y. takes very seriously. We are committed to providing our students with Jewish experiences and knowledge of Judaic values that they can apply to their daily lives.

On behalf of the entire L.B.S.Y. staff, I want you to know that we are here to work with you and your child to have a wonderful school year.

The staff at L.B.S.Y view our jobs as Jewish educators as a partnership with each family to reinforce and expand the Jewish experiences they have at home and at their synagogues. We ask for your assistance to be sure your students are here on time, well fed and ready to learn. A positive, supportive parental attitude promotes and encourages a strong learning environment. Please take a few minutes each week to talk with your child about what they have learned and assist them with any homework they might have.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at LBSY.bev@gmail.com or at 502-802-3855.

L'shalom,

Bev Weinberg

Head of School

Vision, Mission, and Values Statement:

Vision

Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad envisions an inclusive **Jewish community** where all youth possess a deep sense of belonging and find in their Jewish identity a profound source of confidence, pride and purpose.

Mission Statement

L.B.S.Y. educates the youth of Louisville's **Jewish community**, providing a fundamental proficiency in Hebrew and Judaica, so that they understand, embrace, and cherish their Jewish identity.

Values

The work of Louisville Beit Sefer Yachad is guided by our belief in and our commitment to:

- **Inclusiveness:** We respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- **Compassion:** Through Tikkun Olam, we value preparing our youth to give their best to the world.
- **Identify:** We value our Jewish heritage, culture and traditions.
- **Partnership:** We value collaboration between families, teachers, congregations, and community organizations.

Policies of Conduct and Participation

Attendance

Regular and consistent attendance is vital to your child's progress and success in achieving our religious educational goals. Encouraging regular attendance at religious school makes a positive statement to your child about the importance of Jewish education, as well as enabling the entire class to progress.

- We expect students to attend at least 80% of their scheduled sessions at LBSY. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the student having to make up the work that he/she has missed.
- If he/she does not make up the work at home, he/she will be required to make it up on a Sunday afternoon, following the end of Hebrew School under the supervision of an LBSY teacher and the Head of School.

- If they do not fulfill these requirements, the parents will be required to meet with the teacher and the Head of School.
- Failure to resolve this issue satisfactorily at the meeting will result in suspension of the student.

Punctuality

Arrival

Students are expected to be at LBSY at least five minutes prior to class starting time. A late arrival contributes to the disruption of the class and learning.

Early Pickup

In the event that your child needs to leave early, please send an email prior to the beginning of that session or a written note to the Assistant Principal. The child will be released early only to a parent or to an adult previously designated by the note. The parent or designee must enter the building and go to the office to pick up the child. Under **NO** circumstances will a student be allowed to independently leave class to meet the parent or designee outside.

Homework

Homework is a method of reinforcing and strengthening knowledge. There will be times when our students may be assigned homework.

- It is our expectation that students will receive no more than 30 minutes of homework in any given week. Please check with your child regarding any assignments she/he has received and help to see that all the work is complete.
- When homework is given, students are expected to complete it.

Assessments

Students in grades 3-7 will be informally assessed in Hebrew throughout the year. If there is a lack of progress, interventions will be initiated in the classroom. If needed, additional one on one tutoring will be provided during LBSY school hours.

Tzedakah

It is one of our teaching mitzvot and a way of life to participate in “Tikkun Olam.” Our school calendar indicates the agency/items that will be our focus for the month.

Dress Code

Clothing should represent modest appearance. School attire is appropriate.

We ask students to avoid wearing torn jeans, tank tops, and short shorts. Tee shirts with inappropriate language on them are also inappropriate.

Guests

We discourage guests attending Religious School with your child. However, if it is a necessity, please let us know in advance. At times, the teachers and administration may have special programs and accommodations will need to be arranged ahead of time for the guests.

Food

We offer kosher snacks at the mid-morning break and prior to the session on Wednesday. All of our snacks are nut free. If your child has food allergies please make sure to put it in writing and bring it to the attention of the Assistant Principal or the Head of School.

Parent Involvement

We encourage parents' involvement in our program. We will have opportunities for parents to volunteer in activities to benefit the school. Please let us know if you have areas of expertise that you would share with our students to enhance our school curricula.

New Carpool Procedures

Drop off

All **ARRIVING** carpools, on **both Wednesdays and Sundays**, **will be dropped off at the JCC in the back through the arches**. Please park and walk your younger children in. An adult will be present at the front desk to greet and sign in your child.

Pickup

On Sundays- pick up for **EVEN** carpool numbers will be in the front of the JCC. **ODD** carpool numbers will be in the back at the arch.

On Wednesdays- all pick up will be in the front of the JCC.

Cancellation/Closing of L.B.S.Y.

L.B.S.Y. follows the J.C.P.S. cancellation policy.

If it becomes necessary to cancel or close L.B.S.Y. at other times, parents will be notified by email and the text alert "Remind."

Curriculum

We will be using the Institute of Southern Jewish Life curriculum.

The classroom teachers will explain more in depth what will be covered in these areas specific to your child's grade/level.

Code of Conduct

We expect our students to abide by the following principles:

- I will treat my classmates and teachers with dignity and respect.
- I will show respect to the school property and the property of others.
- I will do my best to learn and engage in class activities.
- I will follow the rules and procedures agreed upon by my class community.

Discipline Policy Process

- If a student is acting inappropriately in the classroom, the teacher will remind the student of acceptable behavior.
- If this behavior continues, the student will be sent out of the classroom and a discipline note will be sent home for parents to sign and return. An email will be sent home as well to notify the parents. If the signed note is not returned, the parent must come in and sign the note at dismissal time.
- If a second discipline note is sent home to be signed by parents, a meeting will be scheduled with the parents, teacher, student, IEP Coordinator, Head of School, and congregational clergy.
- At that meeting a behavior modification contract will be created and signed by all parties.
- Failure to comply with the terms of the behavior modification contract will result in suspension from LBSY for two weeks during which time, all missed academic work must be completed.