



Parent-Student Handbook
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Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education; there is no greater responsibility. It is our job and privilege to protect and nurture your children and provide a happy, loving, and productive environment, conducive to growth. At Lanaar, each child is able to optimize his or her potential and soar.

Our dedicated team is a partnership between educators, administrators, and you, our families. The Lanaar Parent-Student Handbook outlines policies and mutual expectations for a healthy and productive educational setting, providing specific information for Lanaar parents and students. This is our guidebook to collective success.

Please read through the handbook carefully. We welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and queries and look forward to working together to ensure that this year, and each year going forward, is the very best for your child and all our Lanaar students.

Sincerely,

The Lanaar Family

School Mission

To be a Chabad school that provides an unparalleled blend of Judaic and secular education for students in grades K-8 through a dual curriculum that inspires a positive relationship with Judaism and a commitment to academic excellence, enriched by a warm and nurturing environment.

Core Values

1. **Torah Growth** – A commitment to continuous growth and delight in Judaism and Torah observance.
2. **Chabad Hashkafah** – Rooted in Chabad values, nurturing every soul with love for Hashem, Torah, and others.
3. **Rigor** – Offering a strong dual curriculum that challenges students academically, fostering excellence and hard work.
4. **Professional Excellence** – Prizing professionalism, accountability, and best practices throughout all operations.
5. **Communication** – Believing that clear, concise, and honest communication is essential to maintaining a healthy school culture.
6. **Respect** – Insisting on a culture of courtesy, consideration, and *menschlichkeit* in all aspects of school life.
7. **Civic Pride** – Believing that students should be reliable stewards of our democratic republic with a robust understanding of its history and pride in its achievements.
8. **Wisdom without Agenda** – Providing secular studies that are balanced and free of bias, teaching students to think critically and seek timeless knowledge grounded in truth and reason.
9. **The Linaar Way** – Educating each child “according to his way” with love, small class sizes, and a warm, personalized approach where every student is truly valued and appreciated.

Statement of Philosophy and Purpose

Lanaar is a Chabad school dedicated to educating the whole child in a warm and nurturing environment, where Kodesh and General Studies curricula are often integrated in an experiential way, thereby inspiring children to be lifelong Jewish learners and at the same time, shaping our students to develop positive *middos* by optimizing their spiritual, intrapersonal, interpersonal, and intellectual potential.

Lanaar goals:

- The student will represent the Chabad *hashkafa* and the frum Jewish community, spreading light onto the nations.
- The student will be a *dugma chaya*, a role model of *middos* and *derech eretz*, serving as a steward of their peers.
- The student will possess and practice a genuine passion for Jewish living, *middos* and learning.
- The student will be an active member of the community.
- The student will be able to collaborate in group projects as an engaged participant or avid leader.
- The student will be able to think critically in all subject areas.
- The student will demonstrate curiosity and creativity when accessing and applying new information.

Religious Policy and *Hashkafa*

Our school follows Chabad *Hashkafa* as a guiding religious philosophy.

Halachic questions are brought to our school Rov - Rabbi Dov Schochet.

Contacting the School

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Safety and Security

Lanaar is committed to providing students and staff with a safe and secure environment. The safety and security of your children is our first priority, and safety and security take precedence over all other concerns. We take every reasonable step to maintain security, and consult with police, fire services, and community authorities.

A critical element of security are the eyes and ears of our parents, staff, and our children. If you see any suspicious person, object, or event on or near school premises, please report it to the nearest member of staff immediately.

Parents wishing to take photos or videos of any school event for any reason other than for immediate family use are required to first check with the school office. Please exercise discretion when posting pictures of children on social media.

Confidentiality and Privacy

Lanaar preserves the confidentiality and privacy of parents, staff and students in every respect. We expect our parents to cooperate with this policy.

Attendance

The first duty of every parent is to ensure that their child attends school and arrives on time, properly dressed according to our dress code policy and prepared for the school day.

The [School Calendar](#) is circulated to all parents at the beginning of the school year. Family holidays and other trips should be scheduled for vacation times, so that children do not miss school.

Absences

If a child has been absent for more than three consecutive days due to illness or has contracted a contagious illness, there must be a note from the child's physician to return to school. **If a student is absent more than 10 days per semester, that student may be required to perform additional academic work during the school year and/or over school breaks in order to be promoted to the next grade level.** Students who are ill are not expected to do homework while they are ill. Make up assignments will be discussed with the teacher when the student returns to school.

Drop-off and Pick-up

For the 2026-2027 school year, drop-off is from 8:00am - 8:10am. If you are bringing your elementary child to school after this time, please park and walk your child to the office. Middle school children may walk up and stop at the office by themselves.

School-wide afternoon dismissal is from 3:30pm-3:50pm. On Fridays, dismissal is from 1:45pm-2:00pm (except in the winter months which is from 1:15pm-1:30pm).

If you are picking your elementary child up early, please go to the office and sign your child out. Middle school children may walk down by themselves after the parent sends an email to the office, which includes the time and reason for leaving. Furthermore, Middle School parents must call when they arrive at the school.

For the safety of our children:

- Drop-off and pick-up is a phone-free zone. While dropping off and picking up, we must be vigilant and give 100% attention to our children.
- Parents are asked to observe the directions for the drop-off/pick-up lane and be mindful of safety precautions at all times.
- Drop-off and pick-up is not the time for a parent/teacher conference, as we need to give our undivided attention to the children. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please email him/her to set up a time before or after class.
- Please do not let your child cross the parking lot on his/her own.
- Changes to carpool pick-up must be in writing, in advance. If you are changing your child's pick-up, please email office@lanaarschool.org or text us before 2:45pm on the school WhatsApp at 754-229-1796.
- If someone who is not on your child's "authorized to pick up form," is picking up your child, please inform the office in advance and advise the driver to be prepared to show identification.

Health and Wellness

It is the policy of Lanaar and its employees to fully comply with Florida state laws which require school personnel who are mandated by the state to report suspected child neglect, physical/sexual/psychological abuse or risk of serious harm. It is the responsibility of Lanaar to protect children whose health or welfare may be jeopardized.

Lanaar School's health policies, including immunization, are in compliance with the school health regulations of the Florida Department of Public Health, which are required for all public and private schools.

All students are required to provide an Medication Authorization Form that has been filled out by their parent/guardian and physician to have any over-the-counter medications administered on campus or at off-site school events. Students who do not have this form turned into the school's office will not receive any over-the-counter or prescribed medications, for any reason. According to school policy, if you list any medications not already included in the school's form, you must supply them to the office. This form must be completed annually and kept on file in the office. Any change in medication requires the submission of a new form. All of the forms must be completed in full, signed and returned to the office before any medication may be dispensed to your child. All students, returning or new, who have allergies and/or medical diagnoses needing medication dispensed at school must have a meeting prior to the child's first day of school.

Immunization Policy

Students must be in compliance with the Florida Health Department immunization schedule and protocols in order to attend Lanaar School. Religious exemptions are not accepted for any of the Florida state-required immunizations. Medical exemptions are accepted, subject to Florida law and approval by Lanaar's Head of School. If you have any questions, please call the office. Immunization forms must accompany both first-time students' applications and returning students' re-enrollment.

General Procedures When a Child is Ill

For children's protection, Lanaar cannot permit a child to remain in school if he or she is vomiting, has a fever at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, has an undiagnosed rash, has discharge from eyes/ears/nose, has lice/nits, has diarrhea, or has an unknown eye irritation. Parents must advise the school if their child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness. Children must be healthy, as described below, before returning to school after any illness. If a child is prescribed an antibiotic, the child may not return to school for 24 hours.

A child must be: fever-free for 24 hours / free of discolored respiratory and nasal secretions for 24 hours / free from diarrhea and vomiting for 24 hours/lice or nit-free.

Healthcare Needs

If your child has a health issue to be addressed (e.g. severe allergies, broken bones, nosebleeds, dietary restrictions), please contact the office as this allows time to plan for appropriate care. Failure to provide this information may result in delayed treatment for your child. Parents must advise the office if their child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness or if a medical concern arises.

Medications

Students are not permitted to carry medication with them in school, including non-prescription medications. The only exception to this rule are those students who require emergency medications (i.e. inhalers for asthma, EpiPens for allergy).

Students may not share any medications. If a child requires any one-time medication (i.e. antibiotics, eye drops), it is the parent's responsibility to give the office the medication, instructions, and an Authorization for Medication Form (posted to the school website and in the school office) signed by the physician. All medication sent to school to be given to your child by the office must be in a properly labeled pharmacy/manufacture's container. If you require a container for school and home, please ask your pharmacist to give you two labeled containers.

Allergies

Please inform the school office of any allergies to which your child is sensitive. Food brought to school for any reason, or served at birthday parties, sleepovers etc. should be nut-free and store bought. No food prepared at home may be served in class. If your child is allergic to any foods (or materials), it is always good sense to advise their friends' parents if your child is invited to someone else's house.

Nut Restrictions

Lanaar is a nut-restricted school. Please be considerate of others.

Food Policy

Kashrus

Lanaar wants every child to be able to enjoy food at school and observes and enforces a high standard of *kashrus*. Food provided by the school is always *Cholov Yisroel*, *Pas Yisroel*, and *Bishul Yisroel* (when applicable). Parents are required to ensure that any food brought by their child to school is of the same standard of *kashrus*, and all prepackaged food bears a recognized *hechsher*. For *kashrus* and allergy reasons, students may not share food brought from home with other children.

Birthday Celebrations and Get-Togethers

In class Birthday celebrations:

A child's Hebrew birthday will be acknowledged in class with a ritual established by the teacher. If you choose to send a treat to celebrate your child's birthday, it needs to be purchased from a recognized kosher establishment that follows our school *Kashrus* policies (*Cholov Yisroel* and *Pas Yisroel*). If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, please contact your child's Kodesh teacher at least one week prior so the teacher can plan accordingly. A special store-bought treat is acceptable. Candy is not allowed. Please do not bring balloons or goody bags. You're always welcome to donate a book to the classroom in your child's honor.

Off Site Birthday Celebrations:

Birthdays are a highlight for children and are a wonderful way to celebrate community. Off-site birthday celebrations planned for children in Lanaar are asked to keep in mind the inclusion of fellow students, respecting the sanctity of Shabbos, Jewish *chagim* and the food that is served. The following guidelines will help with birthday preparations to ensure that all participants can celebrate on this day.

- Personal birthday parties outside of school that involve classmates should take place after school or on Sundays.

- Food served at birthday parties should be in observance with the *kashrus* policy of the school.
- Following the practice of the school, we ask you to be mindful of the school's gender guidelines.
- One of our school's core values is doing our best to make sure all children feel included, loved, and safe. In this spirit, because our classes are small, we have a strict practice regarding birthday parties off-site and playdates. If your child is having a party or a get-together off-site, **please either invite only one or two other classmates or the entire class**. Please partner with us to help all children feel good. Inviting more than 2 children for a playdate without including the entire class is against school practice.
- Invitations for birthday parties should be mailed, emailed or sent on class group chat (only if the entire class is invited). Invitations should not be distributed in class.
- Please be aware that some of our students have multiple residences. It is most helpful if invitations are sent to all parent email addresses so that no child or parent is excluded.

If you are having a get-together or party, please make sure what you are inviting to is aligned with our school's mission and ethos. If you are thinking about a social gathering and are unsure, please reach out to the school for guidance.

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

Bar and Bas Mitzvahs are a meaningful and central milestone in the life of a middle school student. Lanaar families are part of a greater community and must always maintain inclusivity and respect for each other.

Bar and Bas Mitzvah Guidelines

- All students from the class must be invited to the party.
- All food provided should be catered by an establishment that has proper *hashgacha* and abides by school standards (*Cholov Yisroel* and *Pas Yisroel*).
- If there is dancing for kids at the party, dancing for kids must be separated by gender.
- Music played must be within the Jewish genre.
- Dress code should be within *tznius* expectations.
- No party should take place over Shabbos or during a *chag*, unless you have a place for all classmates to sleep.
- Proper supervision of minors is of the utmost importance.
- Adult activities (such as alcohol consumption) should take place in an area different from where the pre-teens are seated.
- For weekday morning Bar Mitzvah celebrations, all students are expected to return to school by 11:00am.
- All Bar/Bas Mitzvah dates must be provided to Chavi Goldglanz (cgoldglanz@lanaarschool.org) four months in advance of the celebration; this is to ensure that there are no scheduling conflicts with school events or another family's *simcha*.

Dress Code

A dress code represents a commitment to *tznius/modesty*, commitment to learning and school pride, as well as respect for each other and for school. Students and parents are expected to dress in school-approved clothing to maintain appropriate dress as our school must reflect a Torah environment. Students must be in uniform in order to attend school. All uniform apparel must be purchased from official school vendors.



Lanaar

ELEMENTARY UNIFORM



Tops




(Girls Short Sleeves Polos only K and 1st Grade) boys

Bottoms 1






Pleated Skirts Jumpers - K-5th Grade Boys Pants Boys Shorts Only for K-3rd Grade

Jackets








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Lanaar

MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM



Tops




girls boys

Bottoms and P.E Uniform






Pleated navy, under the knee Skirts girls boys Boys Pants

Jackets/ cardigans whitout the hood






girls Unisex style Blazers - Boys who have had their Bar Mitzvah and older only



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[Aventura Kids](#)

Tel: 305.405.6100

Website: AventuraKids.com

Address: 19090 West Dixie Highway

[Lands' End](#)

Tel: 800.963.4816

Website: LandsEnd.com/schooluniform

All Students:

- Uniform bottoms can be either khaki or navy
- Plain white socks
- Designated outer layer garments purchased at Aventura Kids are allowed.
- Closed toe shoes only. No sandals or crocs allowed

Elementary School only:

Girls

Girls' skirts and dresses are required to cover their knees. ONLY dresses and skirts purchased from Aventura Kids' Lanaar selection and/or Lanaar's specific selection at Lands' End are permissible.

- 1st-grade girls can wear short sleeves or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeve shirts that cover their elbows.
- Starting in 2nd grade, all girls will be required to wear long-sleeve shirts or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves that cover their elbows.
- Short white socks are permitted.

Boys

- Boys are permitted to wear either shorts or pants up until fourth grade.
- Upon entering fourth grade, only pants are permitted.
- Skinny pants are not allowed.
- All boys must wear a *yarmulke* and *tzitzis* at all times.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and adhere to Halacha. It must not cover the ears or eyebrows, extend below the top of the shirt collar, or be excessively long, bulky, or styled in a way that draws undue attention (including a long fringe or similar styles).
- Pe'os must extend to at least the middle of the ear and must not be shaved or removed, in accordance with Halacha.

Middle School Only:

Girls

- Skirts are required to cover their knees. The ONLY permissible skirts are those earmarked for Middle School at Aventura Kids and Lanaar's Middle School grade-specific selection at Lands' End. Skirts that are not proper length and straight maxi skirts are not acceptable. Dresses are not worn in middle school.
- Only long sleeve shirts are allowed. They can be purchased from Aventura Kids' Lanaar selection, and/or Lanaar's Middle School grade-specific selection at Lands' End.
- Dry-fit shirts with the Lanaar logo for physical education class are available at Aventura Kids and Lands' End.
- Designated outer layer garments purchased at Aventura Kids are allowed. Bar and Bas Mitzvah sweatshirts from Lanaar student celebrations and other Lanaar sweatshirts are permitted on Fridays only.

Boys

- Only pants are permitted; shorts, jeans, skinny pants or sweatpants are not allowed.
- All boys must wear a *yarmulke* and *tzitzis* at all times.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and adhere to Halacha. It must not cover the ears or eyebrows, extend below the top of the shirt collar, or be excessively long, bulky, or styled in a way that draws undue attention (including a long fringe or similar styles).
- Pe'os must extend to at least the middle of the ear and must not be shaved or removed, in accordance with Halacha.
- Middle School boys shirts are available at Lands' End and Aventura Kids.
- Designated outer layer garments purchased at Aventura Kids are allowed. Bar Mitzvah sweatshirts from Lanaar student celebrations and other Lanaar sweatshirts are permitted on Fridays only.
- During Davening, boys who have reached the age of Bar Mitzvah (or when they start putting on *Tefillin*) must wear a jacket, available at Aventura Kids. A second head covering is also mandatory; students must wear a black hat or the Lanaar cap purchased from the school office. Sefardi students may wear a tallis over their head for this purpose.

Students who arrive at school out of compliance with the dress code will be sent to the office to contact their parents and resolve the issue. If additional uniform items, such as a *yarmulke* or *tzitzis*, are needed, the cost of the items will be charged to the family's FACTS account, and an email notification will be sent home. Repeated dress code violations may result in the student being sent home.

Electronic Devices, Social Media, and Cellphones

Students are not permitted to have a phone on site. Phones that are off campus are strongly encouraged to be filtered and monitored by parents; any student who engages in bullying, exclusion, or sharing/viewing inappropriate content will be addressed on a case by case basis with a possibility of consequences ranging from confiscating the device to expulsion from Lanaar.

Middle School

The only laptop devices allowed at school are those provided by Lanaar School. Students are expected to uphold the [Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement](#) at all times. Lanaar is not responsible for the loss or damage of any technological items brought to school.

Consequences for using technology in an inappropriate manner on or off campus will be assigned; behavioral policies will be upheld in the case of misuse of any electronic device.

Athletics

Lanaar School offers a variety of sports and athletics programs. Practice and game play usually occur after school, Monday through Thursday, and sometimes on Sunday.

Lanaar students cannot participate in school sports if they have multiple disciplinary infractions for

the week. If discipline issues extend over a period of three weeks, then the student may be suspended from the team for the season. Mitigation of these circumstances may require that the student attend a weekly student-athlete meeting with the Athletic Director, coach and a school counselor. Students are responsible for making up all missing assignments and work that result from leaving early to attend an athletic event. Students must attend at least half a day of school in order to participate in practices and/or games that day.

Behavior Expectations for Athletics

Middle School If a student receives three referrals during an academic semester, that student is suspended from all upcoming games and practices until the student meets with the Athletic Director, coach, referring teacher, school counselor and Principals of Middle School and all agree on a “back on track” plan.

School Outings and School Trips

Throughout the year, to help bring our curriculum to life, the school will organize outings and school trips, either in school hours or at other times. All trips will be chaperoned by staff members.

Overnight Trips

Lanaar students participate in overnight trips throughout their tenure at the school. School rules, standards and policies apply on overnight trips. Cost will be determined.

- St. Augustine, every other year 4th and 5th grade
- New York, 8th grade graduation trip
- Shabbatonim

Weather

Lanaar School follows Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the cancellation of school due to inclement weather. A decision to close Lanaar may also be made independent of the county. Communication regarding school closures will be sent through our Student Information System, Veracross.

Grading

Students earn grades for their performance and progress. Grades are based on student progress measured by: attendance, assignments, projects, assessments, class work, homework, effort, attitude, and participation. Grading takes into consideration the student’s individual performance in relation to his/her own ability. The development of academic, behavioral, and social skills is reported.

Standardized Testing

Student progress is assessed on a regular basis by the classroom teacher with formative, summative and informal evaluations. The STAR achievement test is administered to all students in Grade 1 through 8 in their general studies classroom, and the results are shared at conferences.

Homework

Homework is an important part of a student's educational experience. Homework is given on a regular basis to reinforce skills and concepts introduced in class; long term projects may also be assigned. Homework and assignments can be found on the Lanaar website.

Lanaar recognizes that individual differences exist and that there are many variables involved with homework assignments: interest and ability levels, understanding of an assignment, time availability, etc. With this in mind, Lanaar uses the following guide for homework:

- 1st grade: 10 minutes per day
- 2nd grade: 20 minutes per day
- 3rd grade: 25 minutes per day
- 4th grade: 30 minutes per day
- 5th grade: 40 minutes per day
- Middle School: 45-80 minutes per day

Taking Care of Property

Support the school in encouraging your child to develop a sense of responsibility for his or her belongings. Make sure that clothing and objects are clearly labeled with their names. Do not send children to school with any valuables, toys, electronics, or money.

Middle School Honor Code

In addition to building and practicing habits of respect, Lanaar students are required to adhere to the following Honor Code:

- All Lanaar students, in their honor, treat themselves and others with respect, honesty, sincerity and integrity.
- All students, on their honor, will not lie, cheat, plagiarize, steal or vandalize property.
- Academic integrity is a cornerstone of Lanaar's educational setting. Students who do not uphold all levels of academic integrity will receive a zero on the assignment and will receive additional and appropriate disciplinary action.

Bullying and Microaggressions

Lanaar is committed to maintaining a school environment in which every student feels safe,

respected, and valued. Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and other forms of aggressive or discriminatory behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances, whether they occur on campus, during school-sponsored activities, off-site, or through electronic communication that impacts the school community.

Bullying is defined as repeated and intentional, unwanted aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived imbalance of power. It occurs when an individual or group intentionally and repeatedly hurts, intimidates, excludes, or humiliates another person. Bullying may occur in person or online and is intended to weaken a student's self-esteem, damage relationships, or cause emotional or physical harm.

Examples of bullying include:

- Repeated name-calling, teasing, or making hurtful comments.
- Repeated pushing, kicking, hitting, or any form of physical aggression.
- Intentionally excluding someone from activities or encouraging others to do the same.
- Spreading rumors or false information about someone.
- Sending or posting hurtful messages, images, or other content through text messages, social media, or other electronic platforms.

Microaggressions are subtle verbal, behavioral, or environmental actions or comments that communicate negative, dismissive, or stereotypical messages toward another person, often based on aspects of their identity. While microaggressions are frequently unintentional, they can still have a significant impact on the recipient and contribute to an unwelcoming or hurtful environment.

All reports of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and microaggressions will be taken seriously. Because these situations often involve multiple perspectives and varying circumstances, school administration will investigate each incident thoroughly before determining the appropriate response. This process may include speaking with the students involved, gathering information from witnesses, and reviewing any relevant evidence.

Depending on the findings, consequences may include parent conferences, counseling, disciplinary action, suspension, or expulsion, as appropriate.

Students, parents, faculty, staff, and anyone who witnesses or becomes aware of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or other concerning behavior are expected to report it promptly to school administration. Retaliation against anyone who reports a concern or participates in an investigation is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

Discipline

Lanaar's disciplinary philosophy is rooted in Torah values and the belief that discipline should serve as an opportunity for growth, accountability, and character development. Our approach

incorporates restorative practices, emphasizing introspection, personal responsibility, and the development of positive *middos*.

School professionals guide students to thoughtfully reflect on their actions, understand the impact of their choices on others, take responsibility for their behavior, and work toward repairing harm and restoring relationships. Through meaningful reflection, respectful dialogue, and *cheshbon nefesh* (personal accounting), students are encouraged to develop self-awareness, empathy, and a greater sense of *achrayus* (responsibility).

Our goal is to guide students beyond simply understanding consequences, helping them learn from their mistakes, make amends, and strive for continued growth in their *middos*, relationships, and *avodas Hashem*.

Elementary School:

We employ empathetic and constructive strategies to show children the best standards of behavior. Our concern is heightened if the behavior of a student endangers themselves or others, or when class learning is continually disrupted. In circumstances judged by the school to be extreme, consultations with parents will be conducted. The school reserves the right, if necessary, to ask parents to withdraw a student from the school, or to decline to re-register a student.

Middle School:

Lanaar Students must be exemplary school and community citizens. Students are expected to maintain a high level of *Yiddishkeit* both on and off campus. Positive behavior will be rewarded regularly, both in the classroom setting as well as division wide. Disciplinary infractions will be addressed with a behavioral system. Students are given clear expectations and held accountable for their behavior per class session and division-wide:

- 1st incident: Warning/Reminder
- 2nd incident and onwards: Students receive a referral

Referrals:

- 1st referral: Lunch reflection. Student takes responsibility for his/her actions by reflecting on personal behavior via different methods such as character building or conflict resolution assignments. Parents, principals and staff members will be notified.
- 2nd referral: Lunch reflection and Principal- Student meeting. Parents, principals and staff members will be notified.
- 3rd referral: Lunch reflection and Principal-Parent-Student meeting
- 4th referral: In school suspension
- 5th referral: Probation to remain a Lanaar student. Meeting with the student, parents and administration.

The behavioral system starts over once again the following semester.

*Lanaar Administration reserves the right to address incidents not specifically delineated in this

document or instances of egregious behavior on a case by case basis.

Reflection:

Students who engage in behavior that disrupts the learning environment or otherwise causes harm are assigned lunch reflection. The purpose of reflection is to provide the student with the opportunity to take responsibility for the behavior, reflect on the impact, and commit to a plan moving forward to ensure that the behavior does not continue. In cases of more serious behavior, students may be required to attend reflection for multiple consecutive days.

Suspension:

A short-term suspension is a removal from the classroom (to take place either at school or at home) for a period of three school days or less. The Middle School Principals may invoke a short-term suspension after investigating the misconduct, conferring with the student about the incident and allowing the student to respond.

Parents will be notified immediately after the initial investigation has taken place. Students who are suspended are responsible for all work, may make up quizzes, tests and projects, but will receive zeros for daily class work that is missed while on suspension.

Expulsion:

Expulsions will result from excessive behavior infractions per academic year or an egregious violation of Lanaar's academic and behavioral policy.

Student Success Team (SST)

Lanaar offers a Kodesh and General studies program that provides differentiated group instruction and resource support to meet the needs of individual learners. The school involves a team approach in monitoring a student's academic and social progress. The team, headed by a school counselor and school administrators includes teachers, and support specialists. The team meets with classroom teachers several times during the school year to review each student's progress and identify students needing support. If support is needed, parents will be contacted and will meet with members of the team, to formulate a plan. Parents may also request a meeting with the team. The team will make referrals when needed. Students are expected to achieve grade level academic and adhere to behavioral expectations. If a student is unable to demonstrate achievement of these expectations based on support provided or recommended by the Student Success Team, then a student may be counseled into an educational setting that can better meet the student's need.

Intervention and Support Services

In consultation with the Principals, and at the sole discretion of the Principals, Lanaar may arrange for various types of intervention or other services to be provided to individual children within the school day. Our School Guidance Counselor will take an active role and will consult with parents in these instances. In some cases, a psycho-educational evaluation conducted by a licensed

psychologist may be required. All such arrangements will be at parental expense. Before an independent contractor can work with a child on campus, he/she must be fingerprinted through Lanaar School, also at parental expense.

Being a Lanaar Parent - How You Can Help

Parent Partnership

At Lanaar, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is one of the greatest contributors to a child's success. When parents and educators work together with mutual trust, respect, and open communication, children benefit academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

We recognize that parents know their children best, and our faculty brings professional expertise and daily classroom experience. By working collaboratively and assuming positive intent, we create an environment where every child can grow with confidence and joy.

We encourage parents to:

- Communicate openly, respectfully, and directly with teachers and administrators.

- Share questions or concerns promptly so they can be addressed together.

- Support school policies and classroom expectations at home.

- Model kindness, respect, and constructive problem-solving for their children.

- Celebrate successes and partner with the school in navigating challenges.

Our shared commitment is to the growth, well-being, and success of every Lanaar student.

Dress Code for Parents

Parents are expected to be *tznius*/modest role models and examples for our children. Out of respect for the holiness of our school and respect for your child, we ask that when you step out of your car at the carpool, enter our building or attend a school function, you maintain the same level of modesty that is required of our children while at Lanaar. This means men are required to wear a hat or *yarmulke* and women are expected to dress according to our *tznius* standards.

Support

There are many ways to support the school. The very first is to be positive about and supportive of the school and our teachers to your own children, your family, and to our community. Your home should echo and enhance our school values and practices at all times.

Volunteering

There are opportunities to volunteer at or on behalf of the school. Be alert and, if possible, respond to requests for volunteers. You may also see opportunities to initiate volunteer activity - we appreciate that. Please contact the school to discuss.

Communication With Parents

Lanaar is strengthened by a community of families who care deeply about one another and about our school. Constant and active communication between parents, teachers, and the school is one of Lanaar's unique qualities. Whether communicating in person, by email, or through grade-level messaging groups, we encourage conversations that reflect our shared values of kindness, respect, and unity.

Grade-level chats and other parent communication groups can be wonderful tools for sharing information, celebrating classroom experiences, and supporting one another. When questions or concerns arise regarding a student, teacher, classroom, or school policy, we encourage families to communicate directly with the appropriate teacher or administrator. By approaching one another with goodwill, empathy, and a shared commitment to our children's success, we strengthen the partnership that makes the Lanaar community so special.

Email is the best form of communication and all emails to the school or a teacher will be responded to within 24 hours. If you do not receive a response from the teacher or school within 24 hours, please let us know. Lanaar communicates using email, weekly class letters, WhatsApp and phone calls. We are always here to receive feedback on how we can communicate more effectively.

Appointments

Please make every attempt to schedule appointments for students, outside of school hours. In the event that this is not possible, please notify the office of the time the student will be picked up. The parent will need to sign out and in (if returning to school) at the Lanaar School office. For Middle school students, an email should be sent to middleschool@lanaarschool.org to allow the student to walk downstairs on their own. If appointments are scheduled during the school day, students are required to make up any missed assignments.

If a student will be leaving school to attend a special event, students must sign out and sign back in at the school office. Parents are discouraged from taking students out of class to attend events.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents/teachers conferences take place twice a year- once during the fall semester and once by the spring semester. Please refer to our school calendar. [School calendar](#) Parents/teachers conferences are designed to communicate student's progress and set goals for further growth and development. Parents/teachers conferences are scheduled online, and parents will be notified as to the procedures. It is critical that parents attend all scheduled conferences during the specified conference dates. The school is not responsible for accommodating conference times other than the assigned dates. Additional Parent/teacher meetings may be requested by a parent or teacher.

Tuition, Fundraising, and Insurance

Tuition and Tuition Assistance

Annual tuition is determined by the Board, which does its best to keep tuition to a minimum. Stringent cost control is exercised, consistent with maintaining our desired level of program and service. Tuition income does not cover the costs of running the school, and Lanaar relies on fundraising and donations to 'bridge the gap' between income and expenditure. Please be advised that tuition may include a building and/or campus expansion fee.

When the annual notice of tuition for the following year is issued, parents and prospective parents are also advised of the process for applying for tuition assistance. Our process is totally confidential and is administered by a third party.

In accordance with common practice of all private schools, parents applying for tuition assistance will be asked for documentation of their circumstances. We see our task as bringing children into the school, not keeping them out, and do our very best within the resources available to make it possible for children to attend Lanaar, whatever the family circumstances.

Universal State Scholarships: Step Up

State of Florida tuition scholarships are available to all Florida residents, regardless of household income. Every family is strongly encouraged to apply. Families need to renew this scholarship every year. For more information see <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/logins/>.

Fundraising

Lanaar, like every school, needs to raise funds over and above our tuition income, which does not cover expenses. We have established a fundraising committee which is in an early stage; we openly invite every single parent to join this committee and we encourage you to reach out to us if you would like to join and assist with fundraising efforts. If you would like to help with any type of fundraising activity - especially if you have previous experience - please contact our School Administrator or the President of the Board. If you know of any family or foundation that could be amenable to a fundraising approach from the school, please contact us.

Insurance

The school maintains standard school insurance. Please note that this does not cover students' personal belongings, and parents may wish to make their own arrangements to cover this. Children traveling to and from school, or on school-connected journeys (with or without permission) in other parents' vehicles are at all times the insurance responsibility of the owner/driver of the vehicle in which they are traveling.

Eligibility, Registration, and Re-enrollment

Eligibility and Registration

Application to Lanaar School is open to children of the Jewish community who meet the following criteria:

- The family supports the aims and ethos of the school.
- Any child entering first grade must turn 6 on or before August 31 of the coming school year.
- The school believes that the child may fully participate in, and benefit from, the Lanaar curriculum and program.
- The application process has been completed fully and accurately and within specified deadlines.
- The family must be in good standing with no outstanding balance on tuition, fees and pledges.

Class size for Kindergarten will generally not exceed twenty children.

Class size for Grades 1-4 will generally not exceed sixteen children.

Class size for Grade 5 will generally not exceed seventeen children.

Class size for Middle School will generally not exceed 18 students.

The school will admit pupils at its sole discretion. Where a class is oversubscribed, pupils will be placed in a wait pool. Admission to any grade will be considered individually, and are at the sole discretion of the admissions committee. For late applications and late re-registrations, a late fee may be applied.

School Records

Parents must complete the application form in full. The school office must be updated regarding any change of address, contact information, changes in family status (including legal guardianship documents) or circumstances (e.g. illness or bereavement), or other material factors affecting the child's medical or emotional welfare.

The school maintains appropriate school records, including student records. Lanaar is registered with the Florida Department of Education as a private school.

Re-enrollment

We are looking forward to seeing our students progress through the school. Parents will be advised of the process for annual re-registration.

New Students

For school entry, all new students must provide the office with a copy of their healthcare provider's reports of immunizations and physical examinations. Florida law requires the examination to be dated within a year of starting school. All immunizations must be up to date, and evidence of a negative tuberculosis test in the past or a statement of low-risk tuberculosis must be included in the physical exam, as well as any natural case of the chicken pox.

Our Community

Parent Organization

All parents are members of the parent organization, which actively supports the school curriculum, events, and daily life. From school milestones to field trips, *chagim* the parents' dedication and enthusiasm shines through. The parent organization is an essential fund and spirit raising body, fueled by parents' energy, creativity, and resources. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend parent organization meetings.

Grade Level / Room Parents

The responsibility of a room parent is to be an ambassador for the school, helping to coordinate class celebrations and activities. Room parents inform other parents of ways to get involved and are expected to attend the monthly organization meetings.

Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

Recognition of students will take place upon completion of fifth grade.

Eighth Grade Graduation

An evening ceremony where graduates receive their diplomas will take place. Addresses by school and Board personnel will be given to honor the accomplishments and experiences of our rising High School students.

Buddy Programs

As soon as children begin first grade at Lanaar they are welcomed with a sixth grade buddy. The buddy relationship blossoms throughout the year by joining together on academic projects, reading books, celebration holidays and creating a special friendship. Seventh graders will be buddied with second grade and eighth graders with third grade, in our initial year. Their visits and activities build leadership skills, compassion and care for younger children.

Books

Most textbooks are distributed during the first week of classes at no additional cost; they are included in tuition. Students who lose their textbooks are asked to pay for a new set.

Community Service

Elementary School:

Elementary students are encouraged to participate in *chesed* projects outside of school.

Middle School:

All Middle School students are required to participate in organized school and community projects and to earn hours of community service each year. Multiple opportunities through Healing Hearts, Kosher Food Bank and other organizations are offered to our students during school hours.