

## Special Accommodations

Please communicate any special circumstances or accommodations your child needs prior to leaving them in Kids Zone. Our staff will make every effort to accommodate those needs.

## Behavior Guidelines

Kids Zone staff use positive guidance methods including reminders, distractions, logical consequences and redirection to encourage appropriate behavior. If a staff member must spend more than 10-15 minutes using any of these methods on one child, the parent or guardian will be called to pick them up immediately and a behavior report will be written.

- Staff will redirect the child and discuss appropriate behavior.

### Contact

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Jackson, MI 49201



- The child will be encouraged to take personal time to regain composure and/or discuss other choices for behavior.
- If a third reminder is given, a Kids Zone Staff Member will write a behavior report. A copy will be shared with the parent or adult who picks up the child.
- If a child receives three written behavior reports in a time period, the child will be asked to not return to the Kids Zone program for a period determined by the program director.
- If a child returns to the program and receives a fourth written behavior report, the program director will notify the parent. After this report, the child will be dismissed from Kids Zone indefinitely.

## Hours

Monday through Friday  
8 am - 1 pm; 4-7:45 pm

Saturday  
8 am - 1 pm



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## Kids Zone Parent Handbook JACKSON YMCA



# WELCOME TO

**WELCOME!** Busy parents need support. When parents come to the Y for a class, group activity or workout, their kids need a safe, enriching environment where they can build healthy, trusting relationships with other kids and adults.

At Kids Zone, **children ages 6 weeks to 8 years** old play and participate in group activities under the supervision of caring, trained Y staff while their parents relax, connect with other Y members and enjoy healthy activities at the Y.

Kids Zone is free of charge to children whose parents have a Family or Household Membership. Parents may leave their children in Kids Zone for a maximum of **two hours per day** and must **REMAIN WITHIN** the **Jackson YMCA** facility while their children are in Kids Zone.

## Safe Beginnings

We put safety first with our check-in procedure; children are checked in at the front desk by a parent/guardian each time prior to visiting Kids Zone.

If someone else is picking up your child, they must be listed on the child's registration form, and we **REQUIRE A PICTURE ID**.

In addition, these alternate plans need to be arranged with Kids Zone staff prior to the pick-up of your child. The two-hour maximum time limit will be strictly enforced for children already in the Kids Zone facility.

## Kids Zone Staff

Our goal is to provide a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for your child while you are at the Y. Kids Zone staff members are certified in CPR and First Aid. Our staff exhibit qualities that exemplify the YMCA character values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.



# KIDS ZONE!



## Keeping Kids Healthy

In order to keep a clean and healthy environment for our children and staff, we ask that you do not bring your child to Kids Zone if they are sick or displaying any sign of illness. Please do not bring a child if they have these symptoms:

- Fever of 100° or higher within 24 hours
- Vomiting, sore throat, eye infection or diarrhea within 24 hours
- Unusual spots or rashes and other infectious illnesses
- Just not feeling well

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms, they are not permitted in Kids Zone until **24 hours after these symptoms have stopped**, or without written consent from your doctor that your child is not contagious. Kids Zone staff reserve the right to page parents for pick-up should a child display any of these symptoms. **All children** must wear socks and are encouraged to sanitize their hands before and after entering Kids Zone.

## Your Child's Comfort

**FOOD:** Children should be sufficiently fed prior to their arrival at Kids Zone, but food is welcome. For safety reasons, **NO PEANUT PRODUCTS** are permitted. Closed drink containers are allowed but must be labeled with the child's name.

**CRYING:** While you are in the facility, please listen to pages from the Y's public address system or personal texts to the phone # given to staff. Should your child become and remain upset for more than 10-15 minutes, staff will page or text you. Pacifiers and car seats are encouraged for infants. It is helpful if pacifiers are attached to children with clips.

**DIAPERS:** Make sure your child has a clean diaper on when you sign them in. As Kids Zone is not a licensed day-care facility, we cannot change diapers. You will be paged over our intercom system or text messaged if your child's diaper needs to be changed. The Y offers a changing table; all diaper changing supplies, including wipes, are your responsibility.