

# Excel Academy School—Student—Family Accountability Contract

When you joined the Excel Academy Charter School community, you joined a team. The goal of this team is getting our students/children the education they deserve. To achieve our goal, we must work together. We all need to have a full and clear understanding of the responsibilities of the members of this team. This contract spells out many of the most important responsibilities.

## School Commitment

### **HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**

1. We will work tirelessly to ensure that our students get the excellent education they deserve. We will neither make nor accept excuses.
2. We will work longer school day, longer school year, offer students extra help and support, and always offer our students the best we have.

### **RESPECT and FAIRNESS**

3. We will encourage and respect every student. We will listen to students and their needs. We will not tolerate students disrespecting each other.
4. We will teach and enforce Excel Academy's PREP values consistently and fairly. We will communicate with families when students fail to meet expectations just as when they exceed expectations. Decisions, including consequences, will be made in the best interest of our students.
5. We will give students recognition, incentives and privileges if they do well and give consequences and remove privileges if they do not.

### **COMMUNICATION**

6. We will communicate regularly with families about their child's progress and make ourselves available in person and on the phone.
7. We will return parent phone calls as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours.

### **HOMEWORK and ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

8. We will assign quality homework every night to reinforce and support skills and concepts learned in class.
9. We will support students with excellent teaching and additional help during the school day and after/before school as needed.

### **SAFETY**

10. We will always work to provide a safe learning environment. We will always work to protect the safety, dignity and rights of all individuals.

## Parent/Guardian Commitment

### **ATTENDANCE and PROMOTION**

1. I will ensure that my child comes to school every day at 7:45am to be able to begin the day's activities at 8:00am
2. I will not schedule family vacations during school time. I will do my best to schedule important appointments for out of school time.
3. I will make alternative transportation plans if my child is required to stay at school until 4:30 or 5:00pm (Monday-Thursday)
4. After school commitments are mandatory. My child will only be excused in case of an emergency, a maximum of one time per quarter.
5. I understand that my child will be automatically retained if he/she fails 2 or more core academic classes, or is absent for more than 15 days of the school year. If my child fails 1 class, he/she must successfully complete our summer program and pass the exam in order to be promoted.

### **HOMEWORK and ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

6. I will provide a quiet place to study and see that my student completes around 2 hours of homework or more and 20 minutes reading nightly.
7. I will check my child's planner and homework every night. If, and only if, Excel standards have been met, I will sign my child's planner.
8. I will help my child study for tests and quizzes and give them support when they need help and praise when they do well.
9. I will arrange for my student to be at Saturday Academy if assigned by my student's teacher or teachers

### **BEHAVIOR and DRESS CODE**

10. I understand that my child will serve Friday Extension from 12:00pm – 3:30pm if his/her weekly PREP Report is below 70.
11. I understand that my child will be In-Class Suspended or Out-of-School Suspended if they violate the code of conduct.
12. If student behavior requires it, I will come to school immediately. If Out-of-School Suspended, I will remove my child from the building.
13. I understand that my child may be recommended for an expulsion hearing if they earn more than 6 suspensions.
14. I will send my child in proper dress code everyday. If my child arrives out of uniform, I'll arrange for a family member to bring proper attire.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT and COMMUNICATION**

15. I agree to work to as part of a team for the academic success and behavioral growth of my child. I will return phone calls, review and sign documentation sent home including progress reports and PREP Reports. I will attend parent-teacher conferences and meetings about my child.

## Student Commitment

### **EFFORT and HELP**

1. I understand that my education is paramount. Being a student is my job. I will always work, think and behave in the best way I know how.
2. I will do whatever it takes for my fellow students and me to learn. I will do all homework. I will work to exceed the school's expectations.
3. If I need help, I will ask for it. If I can give help, I will give it. I won't criticize other students.

### **ATTENDANCE and UNIFORM**

4. I will come to school and ready to learn by 7:45am in order to complete my morning responsibilities and be seated by 8:00am.
5. If I need to miss class or school, I will ask for and make up all assignments. I will stay after school if/when I am required to do so.
6. I will wear the proper uniform everyday and remain in uniform throughout the day.

### **COMMUNICATION**

7. I will listen to directions. I will read and re-read directions before asking for help. If I cannot solve the problem myself, I will raise my hand and ask for help. I will help my classmates if they need help. I will not make excuses. I will be honest with my teachers and myself.

### **RESPONSIBILITY and HONESTY**

8. If I make a mistake, I will tell the truth and accept responsibility for my actions. I will do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

### **P.R.E.P. EXPECTATIONS**

9. I will respect my teachers, my peers and myself. I will refrain from all disrespectful behavior including smacking teeth, rolling eyes, etc.
10. I understand our PREP expectations and will embody them everyday. I will follow the school rules to protect they safety and rights of all individuals and not detract from the educational opportunities of others. I'll accept the consequences if I don't meet our PREP expectations.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Teacher Signature

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Student Signature

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