

Parent Contract 20____ - 20____

Students will take pride in both themselves and their school, and will respect the dedicated teachers and staff who commit their lives to education. Students will hold themselves to high standards of achievement and academic excellence. All students will have an equal opportunity to receive a quality education.

Parents who enroll their children in the school shall accept responsibility for their child's education. Parental involvement is essential to student success and therefore essential to the school. To ensure parent involvement, the school will require the parent of each student to sign a parent contract. The contract details the parent's responsibilities. The school will allocate resources, personnel, and time to parents and the community to provide input at every level of decision making. As part of the school improvement process, an annual satisfaction survey will be given to all stakeholders.

The school will build a strong parent-teacher alliance and parents will be actively encouraged to be involved. Several opportunities will be provided throughout the year for parents to participate in improving the school. I, the parent/guardian, have read and agree to abide by the following:

1. I understand the teacher's work should supplement that of the parents, but is not to take its place. In all that concerns the well-being of the child, it should be the effort of parents and teachers to cooperate (EG White, *Education*, p. 283).
2. I have made a personal decision to enroll my child at the school in order to provide the child with a unique educational opportunity.
3. It is my desire and decision to enroll my child at the school based upon my desire to become an active partner in the education of my child.
4. I understand that I will not be found criticizing the teacher. Both the interest of my child and justice to the school demand that, so far as possible, I sustain and honor the teacher who shares my responsibility. I will strive to not fail by hasty, unfounded criticism of the faithful, self-sacrificing teacher. I will cooperate with the teacher and the administration to help improve areas of academic performance and correct areas of wrong habits in my child.
5. I recognize that the school is a private school of choice, not entitlement.
6. As a parent of a student at the school, my commitment is to abide by the rules and regulations found in the school handbook, adopted by the local board of education. Any complaint I have concerning the school will be handled in the means described in the handbook. It will first be directed to the school's administration and not to other parents or children. If I remain unsatisfied, then the complaint will be presented to the local school board of education.
7. I agree to pay for any property damage caused by my child. The school is not responsible for a child's lost or damaged property.
8. I recognize and embrace my role as having primary responsibility for the education of my child.
9. I will attend all meetings and conferences scheduled with any member of the the school staff.
10. I will participate in the Home and School Association, at a capacity that is sensitive to the needs of the school during the school year.
11. I will read and use information provided by the school to keep informed and engaged in the educational process.
12. I will assist my child in their project-based learning assignments.
13. I will limit television and video games during the week and allow my child more time to work on their coursework, reading, studying, and family time.
14. I will check my child's classroom folder daily or weekly as determined by the teacher.
15. I will encourage my child to reach his or her academic level with deep commitment and enthusiasm for learning.
16. I will uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the guidelines set forth in *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, Education, and The Adventist Home*.
17. I will cooperate with the teachers and administrator to help my student make measureable growth toward a personal relationship with Jesus.
18. I will help my child see and develop a positive attitude about the school and its faculty and staff.
19. I will help my child understand that growing is a process that is often difficult, requiring persistence, and that faith in Jesus will see them to the finish.
20. I will pay my obligations to the school in full, and on time.
21. I understand the important role I play in partnership with the school to create success for my child.