

Somerset Academy, Inc. Parent/Guardian Contract

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of _____, hereby agree to abide by the following policies and procedures of _____.

- **Absences:** In accordance with School and Broward County Public Schools Daily Attendance Policies, students must be physically present in school for a minimum of 2 hours in order to be counted as present for attendance purposes each day. For each day a student is absent, Parents/guardians must submit supporting documentation explaining the reason for the absence. Documentation submitted more than 3 days (72 hours) after the student's return to school will not be accepted, and the absence(s) will be deemed unexcused. Students with excessive absences will be referred to the administration/Attendance Review Committee. Referrals will be issued after reaching the school's maximum allowance, and may result in the student's report card reflecting insufficient attendance for receiving a grade. Please be advised: for students in grades 9-12, five (5) or more unexcused absences in a semester course or ten (10) or more in an annual course, may result in the withholding of a student's grade.
- **Arrival:** Arrival time is from _____ am to _____ am. Students must be in their seats at the commencement of homeroom in the morning. Any student arriving after the commencement of homeroom will receive a tardy pass. Students arriving or departing outside of the School's designated times may be enrolled in a before-care program, where available, including all applicable fees. Please be advised: Somerset Academy is not responsible for students who arrive more than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of school, except for those who are enrolled in and pay fees to the before-care program.
- **Tardies:** All tardies are unexcused. If students arrive after the commencement of school, please do not send the student to class. Students arriving after the commencement of school must report directly to the School's designated office/area. Students with excessive tardies will be referred to the administration/Attendance Review Committee.
- **Dismissal:** Dismissal time is _____ pm. Students departing outside of the School's designated times may be enrolled in an after-care program, where available, including all applicable fees. Please be aware that all charges must be resolved in full by the last day of school. Please be advised that Somerset Academy is not responsible for students remaining on campus after the School's dismissal times, except for those who are enrolled in and pay fees to the after-care program.
- **Early Dismissal:** For a student to be dismissed early, parents must report to the designated office/area. Students with excessive unexcused early dismissals, will be referred to the administration/Attendance Review Committee. Students will not be dismissed 30 minutes prior to dismissal time without previous written notice. There are NO EXCEPTIONS!
- **Unauthorized Items Policy:** Please note that students are not allowed to bring any toys, electronic devices, pets, or animals to school. Cell phones may not be turned on inside of the School building at any time. Cell phones may not be visible at any time during the School day, may not be displayed during School, and must be left in the Students bag. The School will confiscate any unauthorized items a student may bring to school. Confiscated items will only be returned to parents at which time a parent/student conference may be required. The school may keep any such unauthorized items until the end of the school year. Continued violations of this policy may result in further penalties, and may subject the student to disciplinary action and/or referral to the School's administration/discipline review committee. While the School will take every measure to protect such items, the School shall not be responsible for loss or damage to any unauthorized items which have been confiscated. Any items not claimed by the last day of school shall be disposed of without further liability to the School.
- **Uniform Policy:** Official School uniforms must be worn every day. Students who arrive to school without proper uniform may be referred to the administration and may not return to class until in proper uniform. Students with repeated violations of this policy will be referred to the administration/Discipline Review Committee.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Parental/Guardian involvement is a critical component of your child's educational success. Somerset Academy prides itself on the success of our students and therefore requires that parents/guardians become active stakeholders in their child's future. All Somerset Academy

parents/guardians are asked to complete thirty (30) volunteer hours, or the equivalent, per academic year. All parent/guardian volunteer hours must be completed prior to the last day of school.

- **Academic Recovery:** If the School identifies your student as requiring additional instruction and/or remediation including but not limited to: mandatory tutoring, summer school, etc., attendance at and successful completion of same shall be required. Alternative and/or make-up sessions may be scheduled at the discretion of the administration.
- **Outstanding Fees:** Failure to pay all outstanding fees may result in the loss and/or suspension of extra-curricular activity privileges. Fees may include but shall not be limited to: lost books, late library fees, lunch accounts, before/after care fees, and any and all fees which may accrue in the normal course of the school year.
- **Internet and Media Use Policy:** No recording, either photographic or audio/visual in nature may be made on school property without the express authorization of the administration. No document or media existing now or in the future and which impacts the School and/or disrupts the learning environment, relating to the School, its staff or students, including but not limited to photographs, letters, yearbooks, and other material may be published in any public forum or media without the express authorization of the administration. Furthermore, the unauthorized use of the Somerset Academy name and/or any of its logos is expressly prohibited. For purposes of this section, the term “public forum or media includes but shall not be limited to publicly accessible websites and web forums, newspapers, print and other media sources.
- **Broward County Public Schools:** Please note: all students enrolled in Somerset Academy are subject to applicable policies outlined in the Somerset Academy Parent and Student Handbook in addition to applicable policies outlined in the Broward County Public Schools Student Code of Conduct.

We understand the policies set forth in this Somerset Academy Parent/Guardian Contract and will abide by them. Failure to adhere to the policies as stated in the Parent/Guardian Contract will result in a violation of the contract.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Name: _____

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Parent Signature