

Parent and Student Commitment Form

Parent : As a parent or guardian of a School of the Arts student, I understand that:

_____ My child's teachers will offer a rigorous academic program. My child will be required to actively participate in all class assignments, homework, and projects given by my child's teacher.

_____ I am required to support all School of the Arts performances and make sure that my child is present and on time for each performance. Performances are typically held in October, February, March, and May are mandatory for all School of the Arts students.

_____ I may be asked to volunteer my time, i.e. mail letters, read to class, chaperone field trips, help with performance programs, receptions, or assist classroom teachers if needed.

_____ I will adhere to the School of the Arts dress code: Black or White polo style collared shirts and Khaki or Black pants. White polo style short sleeve shirts and Black pants is the mandatory uniform for all performances. No jeans are allowed. Neutral shoes

_____ I will support the School of the Arts program and work cooperatively with my child's teachers and all school personnel.

_____ I will attend scheduled School of the Arts meetings and keep constant communication with my child's teachers through conferences, notes, phone calls, or emails.

_____ I will encourage my child to model appropriate behavior as outlined in the Clayton County Public Schools handbook while in school and during all rehearsals and performances relating to the School of the Arts.

_____ I understand that the mission of this program is to support the artistic talent of the students. I understand that this program's rigor is designed to challenge and to strengthen every students' artistic and academic talents and abilities.

Student : As a student enrolled in the School of the Arts, I understand that:

_____ I will be a self-motivated and active learner at all times. I will be required to complete all class assignments, homework, and projects given to me by my School of the Arts teachers.

_____ I must maintain satisfactory grades and satisfactory conduct in order to remain eligible for the School of the Arts program. I must maintain an "S" or better in grades K-2 and a "C" or better in grades 3-5 and maintain an "S" in conduct from all School of the Arts teachers.

_____ I will model appropriate behavior as outlined in the Clayton County Public Schools handbook while in school and during all rehearsals and performances relating to the School of the Arts.

_____ I will adhere to the School of the Arts dress code: Black or White polo style collared shirts and Khaki or Black pants. White polo shirts and Black pants is the mandatory uniform for all performances. No jeans are allowed.

Parent and Student

As a parent and student of the School of the Arts Program, We understand that:

_____ Attendance is mandatory for successful learning. Excessive excused and unexcused absences (more than 10 absences) or tardies (more than 15 tardies or early dismissals) may result in removal from the program.

_____ All students and parents must follow all classroom and school procedures. These procedures include, but are not limited to, transportation, communication, and front office.

Student and parents who violate this contract risk being placed on Probation or being dismissed from the program. The most common reasons for probation/dismissal are violations to the attendance, grading, performance, and behavior aspects of the contract.

Once a student is on probation, they may be dismissed from the program for either continuing to violate the same portion of the contract or by violating a different portion. (i.e. a student is placed on probation for grades, they may be dismissed for either continued poor grade or a violation of the behavior, attendance, or performance aspect of the contract)

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Attendance Policy: Attendance is mandatory for successful learning. Excessive excused and unexcused absences (more than 10 absences) or tardies (more than 15 tardies or early dismissals) may result in removal from the program

Arrival Procedures:

- The Car lane is open from 7:15-7:44 AM every morning. No student may be dropped off by car before 7:15 AM.
- In the morning please follow the signs for Kay Pace to the back of the building for car drop off.
- Students who arrive after 7:45 AM must check in and receive a tardy slip before proceeding to class.
- Breakfast is served from 7:15-7:40 AM. Students must be in line before 7:40 AM to receive breakfast.
- Early Morning care is available for those who require it. Please see the front office for more information.
- Students arriving by bus must follow all bus procedures and rules. Please remember that riding a bus is a privilege not a right.

Afternoon Dismissal procedures:

- Modes of dismissal: Car-rider, Bus-rider, Daycare rider, Campus kids, Walker
- The Car Lane runs from 2:15-2:45 PM All parents utilizing the car lane must display their student car number in the window. Those cars that do not have a number must present a valid ID to receive their children.
- Early Check outs. Early Checkout ends at 1:45 PM. No child will be released after 1:45. Please remember that each early check out will count towards the total tardy/early check out total for dismissal/probation.
- Change of dismissals should be communicated with the teacher before 12:00 each day.
- Walkers- Students who plan on walking home must have pre-approval from an administrator before being allowed to walk home. Your address must be verified within one mile of the school.
- Bus-rider: Students must follow all bus procedures and rules. Students may only ride their designated bus as verified by their address.
- Daycare- Day care riders will be picked up in the bus lane after buses are dismissed. Students may only be released to daycares in the bus lane. Daycares must be pick up students by 2:45 PM. If a daycare continually arrives after 2:45, parents will be notified and students will be asked to enroll in Campus Kids
- Campus Kids- 2:45-6:30 PM. Dismissal for Campus Kids begins at 2:45 PM. Parents may begin parking in the bus lane after 2:45. Campus Kids is a separate service. Please make sure you address all campus kids concerns, payments and questions to the campus kids administrators.

After School Clubs:

- Students who participate in afterschool clubs must be picked up car lane or report directly to Campus Kids.
- Students must be picked up within 15 minutes for the dismissal time.
- Students can only accrue a total of 90 minutes of late pick up total before they can be dismissed from the program (i.e a student is picked up twice 45 minutes late or 6 times were picked up 15 minutes late)

Absences:

- Written excuse for an absence must be received by the school within 3 days.
- A Doctor's note must be provided if the student misses more than 3 consecutive days or if they have missed more than 10 days total.
- Please refer to the handbook for the approved reasons for excused absences and tardies.

Grading: Must maintain satisfactory grades and satisfactory conduct in order to remain eligible for the School of the Arts program. I must maintain an "S" or better in grades K-2 and a "C" or better in grades 3-5 and maintain an "S" in conduct from all School of the Arts teachers.

Grade Weights and procedures for Academic Classes:

- Classwork 50% Projects 15%
- Test 15% Homework 5%
- Quizzes 15%

- Students are encouraged to earn 100 Accelerated Reader points for each school year.
- Students are expected to utilize First in Math (2nd-5th grade) at home and at school.
- Students are expected to complete all classwork and homework in a timely fashion

Grade Weights and procedures for Fine Arts Classes:

- Classwork/Participation 50%
- Assessment 20%
- Projects/Performance 30%

- Students must perform in all mandatory performances or complete the alternative assignment. Missed performances greatly affect a student's grade and risk probation for the student.
- Alternative Assignments must be turned in within 10 School days of the missed performance.
- Student conduct may affect the participation grade in the Fine Arts class
- Continual misbehavior may result in a student receiving an alternative assignment for performance. Students must maintain acceptable behavior in all areas of the school to be allowed to participate in performances.

Performances: Students are required to attend all School of the Arts performances and make sure that they are present and on time for each performance. Performances are typically held in October, February, March, and May are mandatory for all School of the Arts students

- Required performances for all students 1st-5th grade: Fine Arts Showcase, Major Musical, School wide Art Show
- Required performance for Kindergarten: Fine Arts Gala and Kindergarten Showcase.
- Students should arrive at their appointed call time (not the show time). Call time is typically 30-60 minutes before the designated show time. This ensures that all students are present and prepared from the performance. Students who arrive after the designated call time could risk losing their part in the performance.
- Students are expected to arrive on time and stay the entirety of the performance. Parents are expected to follow all designated drop-off and pick-up procedures as designated by the teacher.
- Attire:
 - Music/ Art showcase: Black bottoms and white button down/polo shirt
 - Theatre: designated costume (will be communicated about 1 month before performance)
 - Dance: Black leggings, leotard, and jazz shoes. Hair should be up and away from face in bun or ponytail
 - Major Musical- students singing on the risers should wear black pants and provided shirt, Students in after school company should wear designated costume, tech should wear all black with closed toe shoes
 - Community Performance opportunities: Black pants and white SOTA polo.

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Behavior: Student will model appropriate behavior as outline in the Clayton County Public Schools handbook while in school and during all rehearsals and performances relating to the School of the Arts. All students and parents must follow all classroom and school procedures. These procedures include, but are not limited to, transportation, communication, and front office.

Level infractions

- Students cannot receive 2 or more discipline referrals
- Students cannot receive a NI/U for conduct in their academic or Fine Arts classes. (Conduct is determined on School wide discipline plan)
- Three or more level 1 infractions can result in probation/ dismissal
- One Level 2-4 infraction can result in automatic dismissal from the program.
- Please refer to the Student handbook for an explanation of Leveled infraction.

Bullying- If the accusation of bullying is proven after an investigation from administration, it is an automatic dismissal from the program.

Parent/ Teacher/staff Relations

- It is expected that all parents and students act respectfully to all faculty and staff.
- Patience and courtesy are expected during before school arrival, after school, performances (including arrival/dismissal) and field trips.
- Parents and teachers are expected to work as team to help each student be successful. This includes interactions in person, in conferences and through email/phone calls.
- Those who display hostile actions or words towards faculty and staff will jeopardize their student's standing in the School of the Arts program or can impact the stakeholders ability to attend performances and field trips.

Dress Code

- The uniform for school of the Arts is khaki or black bottoms and white or black collared shirts.
- No jeans may be worn
- Closed toe shoes must be worn (no "light up" shoes for performances. Shoes should be neutral color).
- All socks, leggings, shoes, and jackets should be neutral color (black/white preferred) Leggings may be worn under skirts.
- Students may wear Pace/Jackson/SOTA t-shirts
- Jackets and sweatshirts must contain no graphics/ logos (hoodies cannot be worn in the building).

Media Release Form

I grant permission to Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), and to anyone properly authorized by the administration of CCPS, to interview, photograph, audio-record and/or videotape my student during regular school hours on school grounds and/or at student activities.

This grant of permission means that, in addition to other appropriate uses (which include, but are not limited to, inclusion in or on CCPS publications, promotional materials, advertisements, presentations, programs, and Internet sites), information obtained from the student and the student's likeness and name may be used in conjunction with or by any medium, including print, electronic, radio, and television.

I understand that my child will be under the supervision of a school staff member during the interview/photo session. My child reserves the right to refuse to answer any question that makes him/her uncomfortable or that could potentially put him/her or our family in an embarrassing light. My child and/or the supervising school staff member reserves the right to terminate any interview, photo or videotaping session at any time when said activities may cause embarrassment or make any individual uncomfortable.

I further realize that my child's instructional time will not be unduly disrupted for the purpose of interviews, photographs, or videotaping.

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Detach and return to homeroom teacher by the First of September. Student must have this form on file to participate in any Field trips, clubs or auditions.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature:

I have read and I understand the rules, policies and procedures for the School of the Arts. I understand that I must abide by these rules or I will be removed from the program.

Student Signature

Media Release Signature:

By signing this Release, I waive any cause of action I may have, or that the student may have, against the School District pertaining to the reproduction, publication, and/or use of information obtained from the student and/or the student's name or likeness. I acknowledge that I may revoke this Release at any time during the school year by mailing or delivering a written notice of revocation to my student's principal.

Parent Signature

Handbook Signature:

I have read and I understand the rules, policies and procedures for the School of the Arts. I have discussed these policies with my child. I understand that I and my child will be held accountable for these policies and that failure to abide by these policies will result in removal from the magnet program.

Parent Signature