

Family Contract

Imagine International Academy of Smyrna is a community partnership whose purpose is to empower students to be critical thinkers, well-rounded individuals and caring world citizens by developing intellect in a nurturing environment, through a rigorous and relevant curriculum.

As a parent/caregiver, I understand that my involvement, support and assistance are critical for the success of my child. I will be a willing partner with IAS in promoting my child's academic achievement and character development. I understand that for my child to attend the Imagine International Academy of Smyrna, I must meet the responsibilities listed below. I am aware that there are other public school options in this attendance zone, and I have decided that a high level of parental involvement would best serve the needs of my family.

Parent/Caregiver Responsibilities:

1. I will donate at least 30 hours (two caregiver) or 15 hours (single caregiver) of volunteer service to IAS each school year. A minimum of half of the volunteer service hours must be performed before February 1st, of each year or students will not be allowed to pre-register for the following year. Any family who does not meet the volunteer service requirement by the last day of school will be placed on the "student wait list" for the following school year. To accommodate the busy schedules of our families these volunteer service hours can be met through both "in" and "out" of school volunteer activities. If you are unable to meet this requirement you are encouraged to bring it to the attention of your principal. Should there be extenuating circumstances the IAS governing board will at its sole discretion modify or waive the Family Contract.
2. I will honestly track/log my volunteer service hours with the assistance of IAS.
3. I will read, acknowledge by signing, and reinforce all school rules including dress code requirements.
4. I will attend parent-teacher conferences which will be scheduled twice a year at a minimum.
5. I will attend at least two family information (i.e. PTA) meetings per school year.
6. I will have my child at school on time and ready to learn each day. I will follow all policies as outlined in the IAS Handbook.
7. I will help my child learn by checking home enrichment assignments throughout the week and by providing my child a quiet area in my home to complete their assignments
8. I will read to or ensure that my child reads for a minimum of 20 minutes each day.
9. I will review and respond to any messages that I get from my child's teacher, staff or administrators in a timely fashion.
10. I will report any extended illness or absence to the school and will keep my child home if he or she is ill.
11. I will immediately inform the school as to any change in my child's transportation or caregiver contact information. I understand that this is necessary for the safety of my child.
12. I will advise the school administration and teacher of any change in address or family status for my child within 7 days.
13. I will inform the school administration immediately if our family moves outside the Cobb County Schools attendance zone.
14. I will participate in at least one fundraising event during the school year.
15. I will meet all my financial obligations to the school (i.e. library fines, lost books etc.) within the current school year. I understand that if I have outstanding debts to the school, I will not receive my child's report card or be able to have my child's records transferred to another school.

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Parent/Caregiver Rights:

1. My child will learn in a safe, secure and healthy environment.
2. My child's teacher will communicate with me regularly about my child's progress.
3. I will receive a minimum of two teacher conferences per school year.
4. I will receive written goals, plans, curriculum, and behavioral standards for my child's classroom at the beginning of the school year.
5. I will have access to agendas and minutes of all board meetings and am invited to attend open board meetings.
6. I will be invited to attend and encouraged to participate in all family or parent information meetings
7. I may serve on a committee or subcommittee or in the parent/community volunteer program.
8. I may donate resources to the success of the school, i.e. funds, supplies, services of others. (These donations will not take the place of "volunteer service" hours.)
9. I may give input on curriculum, leadership, and other decisions about the school in the appropriate forums.
10. I may give staff feedback about the strengths and weaknesses of the school's program. This feedback includes filling out a survey after parent teacher conferences and at the end of the school year.

How IAS will Partner with Me:

1. IAS will be flexible in setting up parent-teacher conferences so I can attend.
2. IAS will hold family meetings at different times to meet different family schedules.
3. IAS will utilize the Cobb County School District discipline code. The rules and expectations will be explained to all students and caregivers so that our children will be familiar with the expectations and related consequences.
4. IAS will offer a variety of volunteer opportunities that will match the talents, interests and time constraints of my family with the needs of the school.
5. IAS will offer various mediums to communicate school information and volunteer opportunities.
6. IAS will work to ensure open and two way communications between our school and our families.
7. IAS will assist me in tracking my volunteer service hours so that I can best meet my commitment.
8. IAS will provide a schedule of all school events and meetings.
9. IAS administration and board will have a procedure in place to discuss any situation that keeps me from meeting the volunteer service obligations.
10. IAS administration, staff and board will be open to my feedback.
11. IAS administration, staff and board will give serious consideration to my recommendations or suggestions for improvement, written or verbal.
12. IAS administration, staff or board will also sufficiently address (disagree and why, or agree and discuss any necessary course of action) any feedback that I provide in a timely fashion.

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