

Sussex Academy

School Success Agreement

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The mission of Sussex Academy is to prepare middle school students for future academic success by providing an accelerated academic environment within a small school setting. Our vision is to cultivate students of distinction by providing them with the knowledge, skills, and values to become successful productive citizens. We believe that if we – parent/guardian, student, and school – work together that our students will become independent, critical thinkers who achieve academically and promote community service and social consciousness.

As a Sussex Academy parent, I agree to support my child's education by supporting the mission, vision, and goals of the school. I will	As a student I understand that attending Sussex Academy is a privilege that I have been given. To make sure that I receive the greatest benefit from my educational experience, I will do my best to	As a Sussex Academy educator, I have a unique opportunity to teach children. I support the mission, vision, and goals of Sussex Academy and accept the responsibility of using best practice and providing a nurturing learning environment. I will
1. Abide by the expectations established for all students, support the instructional methodologies employed at Sussex Academy, and provide a home atmosphere where my child can complete his/her homework and school projects as independently as possible.	1. Complete all class work, homework, and projects on time to the best of my ability and work towards becoming an independent learner.	1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction consistent with the five core practices of Expeditionary Learning that enables students to meet Delaware's content standards.
2. Review, support, and reinforce Sussex Academy's Student Code of Conduct so as to ensure my child's adherence to the Code of Conduct and the Sussex Academy 3R's.	2. Abide by Sussex Academy's Student Code of Conduct and to live the school's 3R's: Respect for self, respect for others and property, and responsibility for my actions.	2. Adhere to Sussex Academy's Student Code of Conduct and work to foster a safe, respectful school environment where diversity is valued.
3. Read and review the Student Handbook with my child and follow the policies established for the school	3. Read and review the Student Handbook with one of my parents/guardians and follow the policies established for the school.	3. Follow the Student Handbook in spirit and practice and follow the policies established for the school.
4. Ensure that my child wears the authorized school uniform and follows the school's rules regarding dress and appearance.	4. Wear the authorized school uniform and follow the school's rules regarding dress, shoes, and appearance so that I am identified as a respectful Sussex Academy student.	4. Monitor and enforce the school's rules as they relate to the student's dress and appearance while presenting myself in a positive, professional manner.
5. Respond to teacher/school inquiries and concerns in a timely manner including attendance at meetings or conferences.	5. Maintain my agenda and inform my parent/guardian about any requests for information or concerns my teachers may have about my academic performance or behavior in school.	5. Respond to parent inquiries and concerns in a timely manner and communicate relevant academic and behavior information.
6. Ensure that my child attends school regularly, punctually, and has the necessary materials.	6. Recognize that regular attendance, punctuality, and preparedness are important to my success at Sussex Academy and preparation for future schooling and careers.	6. Abide by the school's expectations as they relate to attendance, punctuality, and professional conduct with parents and students.
7. Recognize and support work surrounding curriculum/instruction, field work, service, IB (where applicable) and the school's instructional focus as integral to the curricular and instructional program at Sussex Academy.	7. Participate actively in all schoolwork so that I understand and can communicate what and why I am learning at Sussex Academy.	7. Live the mission, vision, and goals of the school so as to develop students of distinction.
8. Provide all required documents (copies of birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record) to Sussex Academy and keep the school current with any changes in enrollment status, residence, phone numbers, health conditions, etc. that may occur during the school year.	8. Learn my parent's/guardian's phone numbers and customary locations so that if it becomes necessary to contact them, I can tell a person in authority at school.	8. Notify the school office and the team leader immediately with any changes in enrollment status, residence, phone numbers, health conditions, etc. that may occur during the school year
9. Agree to allow the school to use print and video media of my child for the purpose of promoting Sussex Academy educational programs unless I notify the school in writing.	9. Agree to talk with my parents/guardians about whether Sussex Academy can use my picture to promote the educational programs of the school and abide my	9. Notify my team and the school office should a parent/guardian decide that his/her child's picture or name not be used in publications for promotional purposes.

	parent's/guardian's decision.	
10. Agree to allow Sussex Academy to take my child on field work (trips) located within Sussex County during the normal school hours unless I notify you in writing that I want a permission slip signed for these local trips.	10. Agree to talk with my parents/guardians about whether Sussex Academy can take me on field work (trips) located within Sussex County during the normal hours of school without signing a permission slip for each trip or whether I need one each time I may travel locally in Sussex County.	10. Work to ensure that all field work supports the instructional program of the school.
11. Understand that if my child is newly enrolled (in first year) at Sussex Academy that he/she is required under Delaware statute to remain at Sussex Academy for one year in the absence of any condition constituting good cause.	11. Understand that if I am in my first year of enrollment at Sussex Academy that the law in Delaware requires that I stay at this school for at least one year unless my parents can show good reason for leaving Sussex Academy in my first year.	11. Forward parental/guardian requests or questions about transfer to the school administration.
12. Keep current about my child's school and classroom activities, academic progress, and behavior the school website, student agenda, and conversation with my child.	12. Talk with my parents/guardians about what I am doing in school and ask my teachers for help when I need it.	12. Respond to parents/guardians in a timely manner and be prepared to discuss academic progress and behavior.
13. Volunteer to chaperone fieldwork, review portfolio presentations, help with special assignments from my child(ren)'s team and work to support the PTO and Sports Boosters as needed.	13. Welcome my parents/guardians to be an active part of my school life and growing up!	13. Foster positive relationships with parents/guardians by communicating in a timely and professional manner about their life's most important work – their child.
14. Reinforce school policies related to acceptable technology use, internet safety practices, and mobile electronic devices as presented in this handbook with my child.	14. Complete the internet safety training provided by Sussex Academy and comply with the school's acceptable use policies for technology, the internet, and mobile communication devices.	14. Consistently reinforce the school's acceptable use policies for technology, the internet, and mobile electronic devices with my students.
15. Review the school's Bullying & Cyberbullying Prevention Policy, located on the Sussex Academy website, with my child and report suspected instances of bullying accordingly.	15. Adhere to the expectations and procedures outlined in the school's Bullying & Cyberbullying Prevention Policy that I reviewed with my parent/guardian and to report instances of potential bullying accordingly.	15. Reinforce the expectations and procedures outlined in the school's Bullying & Cyberbullying Prevention Policy and report suspected instances of bullying accordingly.
16. Review the school's discipline and demerit system with my child and support decisions made by the Sussex Academy Discipline Review Board.	16. Adhere to the expectations of the school's discipline and demerit system.	16. Reinforce the expectations and procedures outlined in the school's discipline and demerit system.

Parent/Guardian

Student

Teacher

Date

Date

Date

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