

# SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Educational Involvement Accord

### PARENT

I understand that as my child's first teacher, my participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement. Therefore, to the best of my ability, I will continue to be involved in his/her education by:

- Reading to my child or encouraging my child to read;
- Being responsible for my child's on-time attendance;
- Reviewing and checking my child's homework;
- Monitoring the activities of my child, such as the amount of time spent watching television, using a computer or phone, playing video games, etc.; and
- Contributing at least 5 hours of time each school year in the areas such as:
  - Attending school-related activities;
  - Attending organized parent meetings, such as PTA, PTO, or parent advisory committees;
  - Attending parent-teacher conference(s);
  - Volunteering at the school;
  - Chaperoning school-sponsored activities;
  - Communicating with my child's teacher(s) regarding his/her progress, as needed.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT

I realize that my education is important. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability by:

- Arriving at school each day on time and being prepared;
- Showing effort, respect, cooperation, and fairness to all;
- Using all school equipment and property appropriately and safely;
- Completing and submitting homework in a timely manner; and
- Reading each day before or after school.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### TEACHER AND SCHOOL STAFF

We understand the importance of providing a supportive, effective learning environment that enables the children at our school to meet the State's academic achievement standards through our role as educators and models. Therefore, staff agrees to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of our ability by:

- Ensuring that each student is provided high-quality curriculum and instruction, supervision and positive interaction;
- Maximizing the educational and social experience of each student;
- Carrying out the professional responsibility of educators to seek the best interest of each student; and
- Providing frequent reports to parents on their children's progress, and providing reasonable access of staff to the parents and legal guardians of students to discuss their concerns.

School Staff Designee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## CODE OF HONOR

There is a clear expectation that all students will perform academic tasks with honor and integrity, with the support of parents, staff, faculty, administration, and the community. The learning process requires students to think, process, organize and create their own ideas. Throughout this process, students gain knowledge, self-respect, and ownership in the work that they do. These qualities provide a solid foundation for life skills, impacting people positively throughout their lives. Cheating and plagiarism violate the fundamental learning process and compromise personal integrity and one's honor. Students demonstrate academic honesty and integrity by not cheating, plagiarizing or using information in any way.

### What is cheating?

Cheating or academic dishonesty can take many forms, but always involves the improper taking of information from and/or giving of information to another student, individual, or other source. Examples of cheating can include, but are not limited to:

- Taking or copying answers on an examination or any other assignment from another student or other source
- Giving answers on an examination or any other assignment to another student
- Copying assignments that are turned in as original work
- Collaborating on exams, assignments, papers, and/or projects without specific teacher permission
- Allowing others to do the research or writing for an assigned paper
- Using unauthorized electronic devices
- Falsifying data or lab results, including changing grades electronically

### What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a common form of cheating or academic dishonesty in the school setting. It is representing another person's works or ideas as your own without giving credit to the proper source and submitting it for any purpose. Examples of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

- Submitting someone else's work, such as published sources in part or whole, as your own without giving credit to the source
- Turning in purchased papers or papers from the Internet written by someone else
- Representing another person's artistic or scholarly works such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, drawings, or paintings as your own
- Helping other plagiarize by giving them your work

All stakeholders have a responsibility in maintaining academic honesty. Educators must provide the tools and teach the concepts that afford students the knowledge to understand the characteristics of cheating and plagiarism. Parents must support their students in making good decisions relative to completing coursework assignments and taking exams. Students must produce work that is theirs alone, recognizing the importance of thinking for themselves and learning independently, when that is the nature of the assignment. Adhering to the Code of Honor for the purposes of academic honesty promotes an essential skill that goes beyond the school environment. Honesty and integrity are useful and valuable traits impacting one's life.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Questions or concerns regarding the consequences associated with a violation of the Code of Honor may be directed towards your child's school administration and/or the school district.*

**Resources: Cheating policies from Clark and Washoe County School District's secondary schools; Foothill Community College**