

SALINAS VALLEY DREAM ACADEMY

Student-Parent Contract

In order to be a member of the Salinas Valley Dream Academy (Dream Academy or Academy), you are required to accept and abide by the following conditions. **The consequence of not following these conditions is losing your right to be a member of the Academy, to travel with the Academy, and the forfeiture of any money you have deposited with the Academy and/or travel agency.** Please review the conditions with your parents, initial at the bottom of each page and sign at the end of this contract to confirm that you understand each condition, that you agree to follow them, and that you understand and agree to the consequences of not following them. **Do not initial or sign this contract if you are confused or do not understand the meaning of any part of it.** You can reach the Academy Director, Ruben Pizarro, at 831-229-7969 for clarification or if you have questions of concerns about the contract.

CONDITIONS

AFFILIATION

1. I understand that the Dream Academy is not affiliated or associated with the Salinas Union High School District or any other school district. I understand that the Dream Academy is operating as an independent nonprofit organization.

PAYMENTS

2. I understand that the cost of the trip is \$1,849. I understand that this amount of money does not include spending money, lunch money, or baggage fees. I understand that the price of the trip may increase based on the number of students who travel. I understand that the current price is based on at least 95 students traveling.
3. I understand that I will be required to make a monthly payment in the amount of \$175 so that I can pay the total trip cost by March 1, 2018. I understand that if I cannot make a monthly payment I must reach an agreement with the Academy Director. Failure to make an arrangement will be grounds for being removed from the Academy.
4. I understand that if I receive a donation check with my name on the memo line, the entire amount of the check will be assigned to me personally and used to pay the cost of my trip (not including lunch money, spending money, and potential baggage fees).
5. However, if I have already raised money for some of my trip and then receive a donation check with my name on the memo line that takes me over the amount needed to pay for my trip, I understand that I will only be able to use up to \$250 of that money (for spending money and/or baggage fees, etc) and the balance will go to assist another student in paying the cost of their trip.
6. I understand that when I submit a donation check to the Academy that is to be used to pay for my trip, I must write and submit a thank you letter to the Director or team leader, that is addressed to the person or company that gave me the donation check, before the funds can be deposited.
7. I understand that any donations made to help pay for my trip should be made payable to “Salinas Valley Dream Academy o Dream Academy” so that the donations can be considered tax deductible.

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DEPOSIT, PAYMENTS & ENROLLMENT FEE

8. I understand that I will be required to make an initial \$250 nonrefundable deposit payment directly to the travel agency within 2 weeks of being accepted.
9. I understand that I may pay my initial deposit and my monthly payments by using an E-check (where I enter my checking account information online and the money is withdrawn from my account automatically) or using a Credit Card online (there is an additional 3% charge for using a credit card; about \$7 for the \$250 deposit). If you have questions regarding this payment, you can call the travel agency (EduTrips) directly at 845 848 2767 x 304 and speak with Wendy (who speaks Spanish) between 6:30 am and 2:00 pm because they are on the East Coast (and there is a 3 hour time difference).
10. I understand that I am required to pay a \$25 enrollment fee directly to the Dream Academy and that the money will be used for miscellaneous Academy expenses including transportation fees for trips to universities and field trips. Checks can be made payable to "Dream Academy".

REFUNDS

11. I understand that I am personally responsible for paying the entire cost of the trip and that if I do not raise or pay all of the money necessary to pay for my trip (\$1,849) or am dismissed from the Academy for any reason, I will not receive a reimbursement for any money that is in my account with the Academy or the travel agency (including my deposit).
12. I understand that if I withdraw from the Academy or am removed from the Academy for any reason, the money I've deposited into the Academy's or travel agency's account can be distributed to any other current, new Academy member, or used to pay general Academy expenses.

FUNDRAISING

13. I understand that the Academy is going to give me many opportunities to raise funds but that it is ultimately my sole responsibility to take advantage of those opportunities (e.g., selling BBQ tickets, candy apples and chocolates, distributing donation request letters and following up on them) and that it is my responsibility to plan and organize my own personal or small group fundraising activities or pay for the trip out of my own personal funds.
14. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay for any product or item that I have requested or ordered or that is in my possession, such as candy apples or chocolates, for example. I understand that I must pay for these items regardless of whether I drop out or am removed from the Academy. I understand that I must pay for these items from my personal funds and not from money in my Academy or travel agency account.
15. I understand that it is my responsibility to keep track of the money in my fundraising account and to confirm that the money that I have given to my designated team leader or paid to the travel agency has been correctly deposited into my account in a timely manner.
16. I understand that it is my responsibly to contact my team leader no later than 15 days after turning money into her/him if I believe that money was not correctly deposited into my account or adjustments may not be able to be made to my account.

ATTENDANCE (Meetings/Activities)

17. I understand that I am required to attend and/or participate in Academy fundraisers until I have raised the money necessary to pay all of my trip costs.
18. I understand that even after I have raised all of the money necessary to pay for my trip, I will still be required to attend and/or participate in 50% of the fundraisers organized by the Academy until all participants have raised sufficient funds to pay their trip costs.

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19. I understand that I am required to attend and/or participate in the community service events that the Academy participates in.
20. I understand that if I cannot participate in a particular fundraising event or community service event, it is my responsibility to inform and obtain permission in advance from the Director/team leaders to be excused from attending that particular event/activity.
21. I understand that I am required to attend and participate in all club or Academy meetings held at my school site (if Dream Academy meetings are held at my school site) during the school day. I understand that if I am going to miss a meeting, I am required to inform the Academy site coordinator in advance of the meeting and receive prior approval. If I miss more than 3 weekly meetings without prior approval from the site coordinator(s), it is grounds for being removal from the Academy.
22. I understand that the Dream Academy is composed of students from throughout the Salinas Valley and that the Academy will be holding a meeting up to two Saturdays a month where we can all come together. I am required to attend those Saturday meeting so I can participate in team building and leadership activities, plan events, and engage with community and elected officials, unless I have been given permission in advance to miss a meeting by the Director or team leaders.
23. I understand that when I cannot attend a Saturday meeting I will have to contact my team leader to explain and verify my absence by no later than the Thursday before the Saturday meeting, otherwise it will be considered an unexcused absence. I understand that if I miss more than two Saturday meetings without prior approval, it is grounds for removal from the Academy.
24. I understand that it is my responsibility to sign in at each and every weekly and Saturday meeting, community service event, college trip, and fundraising event because the sign in sheets will be used to keep track of my participation at such activities and will be used to determine if I have met the requirements for participation (and in some cases to determine whether I will be paid for participating at a particular fundraising event).
25. I understand that the Academy has a 3 strikes and you are out policy. So that if on three separate occasions, I do not attend a meeting, community service or fundraising event, or college visit and I do not have a legitimate, unavoidable, and verifiable reason for not attending, it is grounds for being removed from the Academy. I understand that failure to inform my team leader or the Director prior to my absence at a meeting or event, even if I have a legitimate, unavoidable, and verifiable reason for not attending, I may still receive a strike. I understand that the Academy Director has the sole discretion about whether my reason for not being able to attend a meeting or event is legitimate, unavoidable, and verifiable.

GRADES

26. I understand that I must provide a copy of every report card and/or progress report for every grading period that I receive from my school to my team leader when I am notified to do so by the Academy. I understand that I must maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 for every grading period that I am a member of the Academy. Additionally, if I fail to provide a copy or if I have more than one F or more than one unsatisfactory citizenship grade, it is grounds for dismissal or suspension from the Academy.

CONDUCT & BEHAVIOR

27. I understand that I will be expected to have a positive attitude and be willing to work as part of a team and follow all meeting norms. I will be expected to follow the instructions of all supervising adults or other students who have been put in charge of a particular task. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome but complaining, criticizing, and gossiping will not be tolerated and repeated incidences of such behavior are grounds for being dismissed from the Academy.

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28. Students are expected to be on their best behavior at all times such as when we visit colleges and universities, participating in community events, Academy meetings, and at all times during the trip to the East Coast. Being inconsiderate or disrespectful towards others during presentations or tours will not be tolerated and repeated incidences of such behavior are grounds for being dismissed from the Academy or returned home from the trip.
29. I understand that it is a privilege to be a part of this Academy and that I must carry myself in a way that will bring honor to my family, school, and community. I understand that I must not do, say, or post anything on social media (for example, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap) that sheds a poor or negative light on the Academy or any of its members, staff or volunteers. Doing so is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Academy.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

30. I understand that I must have the permission and support of my parents to be a part of this Academy and to participate in all of the activities and trips associated with the program. I understand that my parents or another adult will have to take me to various locations where our fundraisers and community service activities will be held and that if necessary my parents or another adult will be expected to assist as a volunteer in up to 2 fundraising or community events in order to insure their success.
31. I understand that my parents or another adult that I designate will have to attend all Academy parent meetings which will be held approximately every 6-8 weeks in the evening. If my parents or other adult I designate misses more than two parent meetings, without prior approval, it is grounds for my dismissal from the Academy.

COMMUNICATION

32. I understand that by participating in the Academy, I am authorizing the Academy to email, text, and call both me and the parents before, during, and after I am a member of the Academy, for various purposes unless my parents or I notify my team leader and the Director in writing that I rescind such authorization.
33. I authorize the Academy to share my basic contact information such as name, phone number, email address, school, and class grade with other students in and outside the Academy, team leaders, and volunteers in the Academy.
34. I understand that information related to my fundraising account and payments may be shared with other students, team leaders, and volunteers in the Academy.
35. I understand that my parents are not allowed to contact (call, email, or text) team leaders directly at any time. Parents can contact the Director about any issue involving their child but only after the student has communicated directly with my team leader and has attempted to resolve the issue(s) themselves.

EAST COAST TRIP

36. I understand that for my safety I must take a fully functioning cell phone with me when I travel to the East Coast (not just one that works on WiFi), along with a portable cell phone charger so that I will always be able to communicate with the designated team leader (chaperone) at all times during the trip.
37. I understand that while on the East Coast, I will share a hotel room with 3 other roommates and that we will share 2 beds.
38. I understand that though I will be able to choose my bedmate, the Academy will choose my roommates.

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39. I understand that if I engage in inappropriate or disrespectful behavior while on the East Coast trip and the Academy Director deems it necessary for me to stay in another hotel room or be sent back to California early, my parents/guardians and I would be liable for any and all costs and expenses incurred in having to do so.

FUNDS

40. I understand that on various occasions I may be required to contribute money (for example, \$10-\$20) in order to buy necessary food items, supplies or pay for services needed to carry out a fundraising event, buy Academy gear (such as t-shirts), or pay transportation expenses.
41. I understand that money from general donations or grants that have been deposited into the Academy's account can be used to pay for costs and/or services related to fundraising events or other general expenses.
42. I understand that I must be willing and able to travel by plane to the East Coast in April, 2018 (approximately April 7-14, 2018). This includes obtaining the appropriate photo identification card for students 17 and under and a valid government issued photo ID for students 18 and older at the time of the trip and that I must have this identification card at least one month prior to departure.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

43. I understand that my parents and I are required to sign a hold harmless agreement prior to paying our deposit and that our spot in the Academy is not officially secured until we do so.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

44. I understand that my parents and I will be required to complete and sign a Medical Authorization-Release Form which will inform the Academy of any medical conditions I have and will give the Academy team leaders permission to authorize medical treatment, if it ever becomes necessary.
45. I understand that I must disclose any current physical, emotional or psychological disability or infirmity that I have, which may affect my ability to safely participate in Academy activities or travel. I understand that it is my ongoing responsibility to inform the Academy team leaders if a physical, emotional or psychological condition arises that affects my ability to participate in Academy activities, including my ability to travel.

PERMISSION TO USE LIKENESS

46. I understand that by signing this contract and in exchange for being accepted into the Dream Academy, my parents and I are giving the Academy express and irrevocable permission to use my name, voice, image/likeness, statements, and biographical information and my parents/guardians are giving their express and irrevocable permission to use their name, voice, image/likeness, statements, and biographical information, in the form of pictures, videos, tape or audio recording, or otherwise, to advertise or promote the Dream Academy or in any other way they or their agents deem necessary or appropriate. We waive any right that we may have to inspect or approve any such use.

COMMITMENT

47. I understand that I must take my commitment seriously to the Salinas Valley Dream Academy. I recognize that if I drop out, I may have prevented another deserving student from going through the Academy experiences and from going on the trip to the east coast (because they may not have enough time to raise the necessary funds).
48. I understand that in order to participate in the Academy I must follow the above referenced conditions and that the Academy Director has the right to remove any student from the Academy if

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he believes that a student has not met a requirement or has violated a condition or if he believes that a student's continued participation would be detrimental to the Academy.

Date: _____

I have read the Student-Parent Contract consisting of 6 pages and I understand all of the above listed requirements and conditions of participating in the Salinas Valley Dream Academy and I understand and accept all of the consequences of failing to follow the requirements or meet the conditions.

Student's Name (Print)

Student's Signature

I have read the Student-Parent Contract consisting of 6 pages and I understand all of the above listed requirements and conditions of participating in the Salinas Valley Dream Academy and I understand and accept all of the consequences of failing to follow the requirements or meet the conditions. As a parent/guardian I am ready, willing, and able to help my child participate in the Academy activities and events and I support my child's desire to continue to develop into a responsible young person and to travel to the east coast.

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent's Signature

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