

## SALINAS VALLEY DREAM ACADEMY

### Student-Parent Contract 2023-2024

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 contained in this contract. **The consequence of not following these conditions is losing your right to be a member of the Academy, losing your right to travel with the Academy, and forfeiting 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, Rubén Pizarro, at 831-229-7969 or ruben@svdreamacademy.org for clarification or if you have questions or concerns about this contract.**

### CONDITIONS

#### AFFILIATION

1. I understand that the Salinas Valley Dream Academy is not affiliated or associated with the Salinas Union High School District or any other school district. I understand that the Salinas Valley Dream Academy is operating as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

#### TRAVEL

2. I understand that the Dream Academy will be taking two (2) trips in 2024. One trip will be an 11-day trip to **ITALY** (Venice, Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Rome), and the other will be a 9-day trip to **WASHINGTON D.C. & NEW YORK CITY**. I understand that I am eligible to apply to participate in either ONE or BOTH trips.

#### TRAVEL DATES

3. I understand that the current tentative travel dates to **ITALY** are **Wednesday, March 20 to Saturday, March 30, 2024**.
4. I understand that the current tentative travel dates to **WASHINGTON D.C. & NEW YORK CITY** are from **Wednesday, July 10 to Thursday, July 18, 2024**.
5. Though no changes are anticipated, I understand that the travel dates are subject to change based on many factors including but not limited to the pandemic, other unforeseen circumstances, and the ability to secure flights and hotel rooms during the intended travel dates.
6. Though this is not anticipated, I understand that some or part of the students in the Dream Academy may have to travel on different dates in the case of an unforeseen circumstance or emergency beyond our control.

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ITALY

7. **I understand that the cost of the 11-day, 10-night trip to ITALY is \$3,599.** I understand that this amount of money includes flights, hotels, breakfasts and dinners, and most entrance fees to attractions but does not include spending money, lunch money, baggage fees, or travel insurance. **We are anticipating taking 100 students on this trip to Italy.**
8. I understand that the price of the trip is based on a minimum of 50 paying traveling per bus. I understand that the price of the trip may increase if fewer than 50 students travel per bus or if any travel costs increase unexpectedly or if circumstances such as travel dates change unexpectedly.
9. I understand that if a minimum of 50 paying travelers do not sign up for the first or second bus, then the travel agency will have the option of increasing the price for that particular bus or canceling the trip for the travelers on either or both buses if they have less than 50 travelers.
10. I understand that if the travel agency cancels the trip for travelers in either the first or second bus because there are not enough travelers on one or both buses, the travel agency will refund all of the traveler's money paid to date to the travel agency minus \$50 (for the processing and refund fee). Any money paid as a service fee for using a credit or debit card to make a payment for the trip will also not be refunded (usually 3% of the total paid per payment).
11. I understand that although every effort will be made to keep the trip cost at \$3,599, the price may increase anywhere from \$100-\$200 per person if travel costs increase unexpectedly or if circumstances such as travel dates change unexpectedly (please note that most school travel clubs charge a minimum of \$4,600 for a comparable 11-day trip to Europe so this would be a good deal regardless).
12. I understand that I will be required to make nine (9) total payments. **I'll be required to make an initial deposit payment of \$399 (to secure my spot on the trip) and minimum monthly payments of \$399 for 7 months. The final payment of \$407 must be paid no later than March 1, 2024.**
13. I understand that I will be able to make my monthly payments using various payment options. I can pay with an electronic check (directly from my checking account) or a credit or debit card. Whether I pay with an electronic check, credit card, or debit card there will be an extra approximate 3% service charge for every transaction (for example, \$11.55 for a \$385 payment). All service fees are non-refundable.
14. I understand that if I have questions regarding my trip payments, I can call the travel agency, EduTrips, directly at 845-848-2767 between 6:00 am and 2:00 pm (PST), Monday through Friday. The travel agency is located in New York City so they are 3-hours ahead of us (for example, at 2:00 pm in California, it's 5:00 pm in New York City).
15. I understand that if I cannot make my minimum monthly payment I must contact the Academy Director, Ruben Pizarro, via email at [ruben@svdreamacademy.org](mailto:ruben@svdreamacademy.org) before the payment due date to receive an extension of time to make my payment. Failure to make an arrangement prior to missing a monthly payment subjects me to one or more of the following consequences: being removed from the Dream Academy, forfeiting any money I have paid to date to the Dream Academy or the travel agency, or not being allowed to travel.

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WASHINGTON D.C. & NEW YORK CITY

16. **I understand that the cost of the 9-day, 8-night trip to WASHINGTON D.C. & NEW YORK CITY is \$2,299.** I understand that this amount of money includes flights, hotels, breakfasts and dinners, and most entrance fees to attractions but does not include spending money, lunch money, baggage fees, or travel insurance. [We are anticipating taking 50 students on this trip to Washington D.C. & New York City.](#)
17. I understand that the price of the trip is based on a minimum of 50 paying traveler per bus. I understand that the price of the trip may increase if less than 50 students travel per bus or if any travel costs increase unexpectedly or if circumstances such as travel dates change unexpectedly.
18. I understand that if a minimum of 50 students do not sign up for the first or second bus, then the travel agency will have the option of increasing the price for that particular bus or canceling the trip for the travelers on either or bus buses if they have less than 50 travelers.
19. I understand that if the travel agency cancels the trip for travelers in either the first or second bus because there are not enough travelers on one or both buses, the travel agency will refund all of the traveler's money paid to date to the travel agency minus \$50 (for the processing and refund fee). Any money paid as a service fee for using a credit or debit card to make a payment for the trip will also not be refunded (usually 3% of the total paid per payment).
20. I understand that although every effort will be made to keep the trip cost at \$2,299, the price may increase anywhere from \$100-\$200 per person if travel costs increase unexpectedly or if circumstances such as travel dates change unexpectedly (most school travel clubs charge a minimum of \$3,300 for a comparable 9-day trip to the East Coast so this would be a good deal regardless).
21. I understand that I will be required to make eleven (12) total payments. **I'll be required to make an initial deposit payment of \$299 and ten minimum monthly payments of \$180. The final payment of \$200 must be paid no later than June 1, 2024.**
22. I understand that I will be able to make my monthly payments using various payment options. I can pay with an electronic check (directly from my checking account) or a credit or debit card. Whether I pay with an electronic check, credit card, or debit card there will be an extra approximate 3% service charge for every transaction (for example, \$5.25 for a \$175 payment). All service fees are non-refundable.
23. I understand that if I have questions regarding my trip payments, I can call the travel agency, EduTrips, directly at 845-848-2767 between 6:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our travel agency is located in New York City so they are 3-hours ahead of us (for example, at 2:00 pm in California, it's 5:00 pm in New York City).
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Name Change on Plane Ticket

25. I understand that if I need to do a name change on the ticket for my flight to Europe or the East Coast within 14 days of departing, there will be a charge of \$75.

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## TRAVEL INSURANCE

26. I understand that though travel insurance is not required that in order to protect myself during the trip (from serious medical bills, for example) and protect my financial investment, **the Dream Academy highly recommends that I purchase travel insurance at the time that I enroll with the travel agency for the trip to Europe or the East Coast.**
27. I understand that the travel insurance agencies which are being recommended by the Dream Academy or the travel agency are independent of and not associated with the Dream Academy or the travel agency.
28. I understand that there are **several options for obtaining travel insurance** and that I can also choose to find my own travel insurance company but I must act fast to protect myself and my financial investment.
29. I understand that I can purchase travel insurance from any company I want but that the travel agency is recommending that I purchase travel insurance through a company called **GoReady Travel Insurance** (see details below). Here is the link to get to their website: <https://goreadyinsurance.com/get-a-quote/single-trip>
30. I understand that if I decide to purchase travel insurance, I am responsible for reading the description of coverage for each plan I am considering and deciding for myself what plan I would like to purchase and what type of protection/coverage it does, and does not offer me.
31. I understand that one travel insurance option is to purchase the **GoReady CHOICE-CW** plan with a company such as GoReady Travel Insurance. The GoReady Choice Plan is an affordable plan **but if you want to be able to cancel your trip for any reason and receive a 75% refund, you will need to purchase the Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) upgrade separately (additional charge applies).** The Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) upgrade is offered along with the Pre-Existing Condition Waiver.
32. I understand that based on the current cost of the **ITALY** trip (\$3,599) and based on a limited investigation the current cost of the CHOICE-CW plan travel insurance through GoReady is **\$70 for the base plan plus \$76.45 for the Cancel For Any Reason upgrade which I must purchase separately but at the same time.** The total cost for both would be **\$146.45.** I understand that **I must purchase the CHOICE-CW plan within 14 days of enrolling for the trip(s) IF I want to add the Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) upgrade.**
33. I understand that based on the current cost of the **WASHINGTON D.C. & NEW YORK CITY trip** (\$2,299), and based on a limited investigation the current cost of the CHOICE-CW PLAN travel insurance through GoReady is **\$43 for the base plan plus \$21.50 for the Cancel For Any Reason upgrade which I must purchase separately but at the same time.** The total for both would be \$64.50. I understand that **I must purchase the CHOICE-CW plan within 14 days of enrolling for the trip(s) IF I want to add the Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) upgrade.**
34. I understand that the pricing for the various travel insurance plans above is subject to change based on the age and other factors of the traveler. Each user will be required to enter their information on each respective travel insurance company's website in order to get the final individualized pricing for each traveler.
35. **I understand that if I decide to cancel,** I may have to notify the Dream Academy AND the travel insurance company **at least 48 hours before the departure date of either trip** listed above to receive a partial refund of the money I've paid toward my trip (see the insurance plan details on the travel insurance company's website for specific requirements for each company and each plan).

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36. I understand that if and when I obtain a travel insurance policy, I must immediately [DOWNLOAD the policy or coverage description](#) and email it to the SVDA Director once he requests it.

#### SELLING MY SPOT ON THE TRIP

37. I understand that if I am unable to travel for any reason, I can either postpone my trip for the following year (though there is no guarantee that Dream Academy will travel the following year or will travel with the same travel agency next year ), make a claim with the travel insurance company (if I purchased travel insurance and I'm eligible to make a claim), or I can attempt to sell my spot to another student to recoup the money I've paid to date (potentially, minus the initial trip deposit amount).
38. I understand that the student I sell my spot to cannot be a current Dream Academy student. He or she must be someone that I find myself and convince to travel on my own. I understand that it is not the Dream Academy's responsibility to find or help me find someone to take my spot if I cannot travel. If the Dream Academy finds the person to take my spot, I will forfeit my deposit payment as a penalty.
39. I further understand that the person that I sell my spot to must first be approved by the Dream Academy Director and then must complete and sign all required forms and pay the enrollment fee before they can officially enroll and travel.
40. I also understand that if I am able to find someone to sell my spot to, the student buying the spot must make all payments (including any money already paid by me to the travel agency) directly to the travel agency. They cannot pay the student or the Dream Academy directly. The travel agency will then refund me once the student buying the trip has paid the required amount to the travel agency (though I may forfeit my deposit payment if the Dream Academy finds my replacement).

#### CHANGE OF DESTINATION OR DATE OF TRIP

41. I understand that though it is not anticipated, since we are living in a time of pandemics and because other unforeseen circumstances may arise, it is possible that some unexpected changes may occur including a change in the travel destination or the travel dates.
42. I understand that if that happens, I will have the following three options: 1. I can travel to the new destination and/or I can travel during the new travel dates; or, 2. I can postpone my trip to the following school year (though there is no guarantee that Dream Academy will travel the following year); or 3. I can file a claim using the travel insurance that I purchased to receive a partial refund (if I purchased travel insurance and I'm eligible to make a claim).
43. I understand that besides the options listed above, I will have no other options available to me. I understand that I will not be able to receive a refund from the travel agency or from the Dream Academy for any reason.

#### COVID-19 RELATED PROVISIONS

44. I understand that the Dream Academy prefers and strongly recommends that I be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and that I receive any booster shots I'm eligible for in order to protect myself, my investment (since I will not be able to travel if I'm sick with COVID), and all other travelers.
45. I understand that if I am not vaccinated for COVID-19 and travel and then restrictions are subsequently put in place that could negatively impact my ability to travel or enjoy every

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- site we visit, I am solely responsible for any consequences any or any costs associated with that decision not to be vaccinated for COVID-19.
46. I understand that the Dream Academy can require me to comply with health and safety regulations including wearing a mask during meetings, activities, college visits, and traveling that they deem necessary.
  47. I understand that I will be solely responsible for paying all expenses associated with obtaining a negative COVID test result if one is required to travel, whether or not I am vaccinated.
  48. I understand that I will be required to take a COVID test a few days or weeks prior to traveling. I understand that I will not be allowed to travel if I do not take the COVID-19 test.
  49. I understand that I will not be allowed to travel if I test positive for COVID-19
  50. I understand that I will not be allowed to travel if I exhibit symptoms commonly related to COVID-19 and do not test negative for COVID-19 at least twice on two consecutive days prior to traveling.
  51. I understand that Dream Academy can require me to test for COVID-19 in their presence if they request me to do so.

#### DONATIONS

52. I understand that any donations made to me via personal check, money order, or cashier's check to help pay for my trip should be made payable to "Salinas Valley Dream Academy" or "Dream Academy" so that we can deposit it into our organization's account and disburse it to you accordingly (subject to additional terms in this contact).
53. 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 (subject to additional terms in this contact) and used to pay the cost of my trip (not including lunch money, spending money, potential baggage fees, and gratuity (tip) for tour guides or bus driver(s)).
54. 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 receive a maximum of \$250 of that money for spending money and the balance will go to assist another student in paying the cost of their trip or to general Dream Academy expenses.
55. 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 a thank you letter that is addressed to the person or company that gave me the donation check** and submit it to the Director or team leader before the funds can be deposited with the travel agency. An envelope with correct postage must be included with the letter as well.

#### ENROLLMENT FEE

56. I understand that I am required to pay a **\$60 enrollment fee** directly to the Salinas Valley Dream Academy within 2 weeks of being accepted in order to officially enroll and that the money will be used for miscellaneous Academy expenses including but not limited to transportation fees for trips to universities and field trips. I understand that I will be required to pay that fee by using Zelle (your bank's electronic transfer system) and sending the money to the Dream Academy by using this email address via Zelle- [ruben@svdreamacademy.org](mailto:ruben@svdreamacademy.org). It is my responsibility to include my name on the electronic note when I transfer the \$60 payment to the Dream Academy so they know that the money is from me.

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### PROOF OF PAYMENT (RECEIPT)

57. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain a receipt (if I desire one) from the Director or a team leader each time I turn in money to the Dream Academy including money from fundraisers. I understand that when I make a payment to the travel agency, I will automatically have access to my payment history and will not need a receipt from the Dream Academy.

### REFUND POLICY

58. 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 or withdraw, or am dismissed from the Academy for any reason, I will NOT receive a refund of any money that is in my account with the Academy or the travel agency (including my deposit).
59. I understand that if I withdraw from the Academy of my own accord or am removed from the Academy for any reason, the money I've deposited into the travel agency's account (EduTrips) will be transferred to the Dream Academy's account to be redistributed to any other current or new member, or used to pay general Academy expenses.

### FUNDRAISING

60. I understand that my family and I may be solely responsible for raising the funds necessary to pay for my trip.
61. I understand that if the pandemic allows, the Academy may give me some 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.
62. I understand that if group fundraisers are held, it is my responsibility to pay for any fundraising 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 but that if I don't that the Dream Academy and/or the travel agency may use funds I've paid the travel agency to pay for those items.
63. 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 the Director, or paid to the travel agency has been correctly deposited into my account in a timely manner.
64. I understand that it is my responsibility 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 otherwise adjustments may not be able to be made to my account.

### ATTENDANCE (Fundraisers/Meetings/Activities)

65. I understand that if I am required to attend and/or participate in all Academy fundraisers until I have raised the money necessary to pay for all of my trip with the travel agency.
66. I understand that even after I have raised all of the money necessary to pay for my trip, I will still be required to raise 50% of the money expected of other traveling students for each fundraiser organized by the Academy until all participants have raised sufficient funds to pay their trip costs.

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67. I understand that I am required to attend and/or participate in all community service events that the Academy organizes.
68. I understand that I am required to attend and participate in all club or Academy meetings held at my school site during the school day (IF Salinas Valley Dream Academy meetings are held at my school site). I understand that if I am unable to attend a meeting, I am required to inform the Academy site coordinator in advance of the meeting and that I must receive prior approval. If I miss more than 3 weekly meetings at my school without prior approval from the site coordinator(s), it is grounds for being removed from the Academy.
69. I understand that I am required to attend all Saturday meetings 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 leader. I understand that the Salinas Valley Dream Academy is composed of students from throughout the Salinas Valley and that the Academy will be holding a meeting at least once a month and up to two Saturdays a month.
70. I understand that I am required to attend any and all Zoom or virtual meetings that the Academy may hold during the year. These Zoom meetings may be necessary for all or part of the year in lieu of in-person meetings.
71. I understand that if I cannot participate in a particular fundraising event, community service event, college visit, or Saturday meeting it is my responsibility to inform and obtain permission from the Director/team leaders by no later than the Wednesday before the meeting, event or community service activity, otherwise, it will be considered an unexcused absence (and I will receive a strike).
72. I understand that it will be 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).
73. I understand that after I miss two of any of the following for any reason (whether excused or unexcused): Saturday meeting, college visit, community service event, team leader group meetings, or other Academy activity, I am responsible for making up every absence in a manner specified by the Dream Academy. You also may be required to report out during a Saturday meeting about what you learned from the process of making up your absence. I understand that if I fail to meet these requirements, my absence will be considered unexcused (and I will receive a strike).
74. I understand that upon the third absence (whether excused or unexcused) and every absence thereafter from the following: Saturday meeting, college visit, community service event, team leader group meetings, or other Dream Academy activity (whether in-person or via Zoom), I am responsible for paying a \$20 penalty. These \$20 will not go towards the cost of my trip but will be used for general Dream Academy expenses. If the \$20 penalty is not paid within 10 days, it will be deducted from the money I have fundraised or from the money I have paid to the travel agency.

### THREE STRIKES POLICY

75. **I understand that the Academy has a 3-strikes and you are out policy.** So, if on three separate occasions, I do not attend a Saturday meeting, team leader group meetings, community service, fundraising event, or college visit and I do not have a legitimate, unavoidable, and verifiable reason for not attending and/or have not received prior approval for my absence, I can be removed from the Academy. I understand that I may

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have to provide verification of my absence. 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 and final authority to determine whether my reason for not being able to attend a meeting or event is legitimate, unavoidable, and verifiable.

**76. I understand that I can also receive a strike for inappropriate behavior or exhibiting a negative attitude or disrespecting another student or team leader. I understand that the Academy Director has the sole discretion and final authority to determine whether my behavior is inappropriate, my attitude is negative, or my actions are disrespectful.**

#### GRADES

77. I understand that I must provide a copy of every report card and/or progress report via email for every grading period that I receive from my school to my team leader within 5 days of receiving my grades from my school. 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

78. 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 any such behavior is grounds for being dismissed from the Academy.

79. I understand that 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 trips. 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.

80. 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.

81. **I understand that the Academy Director has the sole discretion and final authority to determine whether my actions, words, or attitudes are inappropriate and to determine whether to dismiss me from the Academy or send me back home from the trip abroad.**

#### PARENT INVOLVEMENT

82. 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

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my parents or another adult will be expected to assist as a volunteer in at least one fundraising or community events in order to ensure their success.

83. I understand that my parents or another adult that I designate will have to attend all Academy parent meetings. If my parents or another adult I designate misses a parent meeting, without prior approval, it is grounds to receive a strike.

#### COMMUNICATION

84. I understand that by participating in the Academy, I am authorizing the Academy to email, text, and call both me and my parents before, during, and after I am a member of the Academy, for various purposes unless my parents or I notify the Director in writing that I rescind such authorization.
85. 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.
86. I understand that information related to my fundraising account and payments may be shared with other students, team leaders, and volunteers in the Academy.
87. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact my assigned team leader or the Director (via call, email, or text) directly if I have a question or concern related to the Academy. Once a team leader has been assigned to me, I understand that my parent can contact the Dream Academy Director only after I have first communicated directly with my assigned team leader and have attempted to resolve any issue(s) that may have arisen.

#### TRAVELING (Miscellaneous Provisions)

88. I understand that for my safety I must take a **fully functioning cell phone** with the ability to make and receive international calls with me when I travel to the East Coast or Europe (not just one that works on WiFi), along with a **portable cell phone charger** so that I will always be able to communicate with my designated team leader (chaperone) at all times during the trip.
89. I understand that while traveling, I may have to share a hotel room with 1 or more other roommates and that I will most likely be sharing a bed with another student.
90. I understand that though I may be given the option to choose my bedmate, the Academy will choose my roommates.
91. I understand that for my safety, I will never be allowed to have my own hotel room.
92. I understand that I may or may not be able to fly to destinations on the same flight as my friend(s) (though we will try to accommodate everyone).
93. I understand that I may or may not be able to travel on the same bus as my friend(s) (though we will try to accommodate everyone).
94. I understand that I may or may not be able to eat every meal with my friend(s) (though we will try to accommodate everyone).
95. I understand that if I engage in inappropriate or disrespectful behavior while traveling, the Academy Director may deem it necessary for me to stay in another hotel room or be sent back to California early. **I understand that my parents/guardians and I would be liable for any and all costs and expenses incurred in having to send me back home early.**
96. I understand that anyone is able to apply to travel with the Dream Academy and everyone that does travel with the Dream Academy is required to be a **United States Citizen or be a Legal Permanent Resident** in order to travel internationally due to travel regulations and immigration policies.

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97. I understand that, if I am not a United States Citizen, I may need to obtain a **visa** in order to travel internationally and that it is my sole responsibility to obtain that visa 90 days prior to traveling or I may forfeit my spot on the trip.

#### PASSPORT

98. I understand that if I'm traveling internationally, I am required to have a valid and unexpired passport.
99. I understand that my passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the date I depart for an international trip.
100. **I understand that if I'm traveling internationally, the Dream Academy requires me to have a valid and unexpired passport that meets the criteria above no later than December 15, 2024.**
101. I understand that I must email a copy of my passport to the Dream Academy by December 15, 2024.
102. **I understand that if I do not have an unexpired passport that is valid for at least six months after departing to our international destination by December 15, 2024, I may be removed from the list of students who will be traveling internationally with the Dream Academy and may lose all of the money I have paid the travel agency to date.**

#### FUNDS

103. 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.
104. I understand that money from general donations or grants that have been deposited into the Academy's account on my behalf can be used to pay for costs and/or services related to fundraising events or other general expenses.

#### HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

105. I understand that my parents and I are required to sign a hold harmless agreement (which is found on the Academy's website) prior to paying our deposit and that we are not officially enrolled in the Academy until we do so.

#### MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

106. 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 and that we are not officially enrolled in the Academy until we do so.
107. I understand that I must disclose in writing or email any current physical, mental, emotional, or psychological disability or infirmity that I have (or had in the past), which may affect my ability to safely participate in Academy activities or travel.
108. I understand that it is my ongoing responsibility to inform the Academy team leaders if a physical, mental, emotional, or psychological condition arises that affects my ability to participate in Academy activities, including my ability to travel.

Initial that you understand and agree to all provisions: \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent

**PERMISSION TO USE LIKENESS**

109. 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**

110. I understand that I must take my commitment to the Salinas Valley Dream Academy seriously. I recognize that if I drop out, I may have prevented another deserving student from going through the Academy experience and from going on the annual trip(s) (because they may not have enough time to raise the necessary funds).

111. 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 me from the Academy if the Director believes that a student has not met a requirement or has violated a condition or if the Director's sole discretion the Director believes that a student's continued participation would be detrimental to the Dream Academy in any way, shape, or form.

**SUPERSEDING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

112. I understand that the provisions of this contract supersede any other contract or provisions I've signed or agreed to in the past or which have been stated orally.

**ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE**

113. I understand that this Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in this Contract or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Contract (including the SVDA Hold Harmless Agreement and the SVDA Medical Authorization/Release Form), shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf", "tif" or "jpg") and other **electronic signatures** (including, without limitation, DocuSign, Kami, and AdobeSign). **The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including, without limitation, any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial that you understand and agree to all provisions: \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Student-Parent Contract consisting of 13 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 13 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 support my child in participating in the Academy activities and events and I support my child's desire to continue to develop into a responsible young person and travel with the Academy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Initial that you understand and agree to all provisions: \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent