

SALINAS VALLEY DREAM ACADEMY

Student-Parent Contract 2025-2026

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 an international trip to Budapest, Hungary in spring of 2026.

TRAVEL DATES

3. I understand that the current tentative travel dates to **BUDAPEST, HUNGARY** are **Wednesday, March 18 to Saturday, March 28, 2026.**
4. Though no changes are anticipated, I understand that the travel dates are subject to change based on many factors including but not limited to another pandemic, other unforeseen circumstances, and the ability to secure flights and hotel rooms during the intended travel dates.
5. 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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COST OF TRIP

6. I understand that the cost of the 11-day, 10-night trip to Budapest, Hungary is **\$3,799**. 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, tips, or travel insurance.

REQUIRED NUMBER OF TRAVELERS

7. We are anticipating taking **100 total students** on this trip. If we have less than a total of 100 students we may have to cancel the trip altogether (**though we always take 100+ students each year and have never had to cancel a trip before**).
8. I understand that the price of the trip is based on a minimum of 42 paying traveling per bus.
9. I understand that the price of the trip may increase if fewer than 42 students travel per bus or if any travel costs increase unexpectedly or if circumstances such as travel dates change unexpectedly.
10. I understand that if a minimum of 42 paying travelers do not sign up for any of the buses, then the travel agency will have the option of increasing the price for that particular bus, all the buses or canceling the trip for the travelers on any or all buses if they have less than 42 travelers.
11. I understand that if the travel agency cancels the trip for travelers in any or all buses because there are not enough travelers, 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).

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

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 8 months after that. The final payment of \$208 must be paid no later than March 1, 2026.**

FORM OF PAYMENT

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, \$11.97 for a \$399 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 in a particular month I must contact the Academy Director, Ruben Pizarro, via email at

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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.

DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY

16. I understand that the Academy Director has the sole discretion and final authority to make decisions regarding all aspects of the Salinas Valley Dream Academy, including but not limited to student participation, program activities, travel logistics, fundraising requirements, and enforcement of this contract. The Director's decisions are final and not subject to appeal, except as required by applicable law.

PRICE CHANGE

17. I understand that although every effort will be made to keep the trip cost at \$3,799, 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 \$5,000+ for a comparable 11-day trip to Hungary so this would be a good deal regardless).
18. I understand that though this is not a guarantee of what will happen on this trip or in the future, the Dream Academy has never had to increase the price of a trip unless they have added additional days to the days

NAME CHANGE ON PLANE TICKET

19. I understand that if I need to do a name change on the ticket for my flight to Hungary within 21 days of departing, there may be a charge of \$100 or more.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

20. I understand that though travel insurance is NOT required for me to be able to travel to Hungary. However, if I decide to purchase travel insurance, the Dream Academy recommends that I purchase travel insurance at the time that I enroll on the trip to Hungary (or as soon as possible after enrolling).
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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 **Aegis General Insurance Agency** (see details below). Here is the link to get to their website: <https://goreadyinsurance.com/partners/tic/ticweb/single-trip>
24. 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. Primarily, there are two plans you might want to consider if you

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decide you want to purchase travel insurance. Either the **Choice or the Pandemic Plus plan.**

25. The **Choice plan costs \$77** and you can also add the **Cancel For Any Reason** option by selecting Pre-Existing Conditions Waiver + CFAR (which stands for Cancel For Any Reason) after you click the “BUY” button for the Choice plan. The CFAR plan **costs an additional \$79.09** but it allows you to cancel your trip for any reason and receive a **75% refund** (of whatever you’ve paid to the travel agency at the point you file a claim). See description of coverage for full details.
26. I understand that based on the current cost of the HUNGARY trip (\$3,799) and based on a limited investigation, the current cost of the Choice plan, if you add the Cancel For Any Reason option, is **\$156.09**. I understand that if I decide to do so, **I must purchase the Choice plan within 24 HOURS of paying your trip deposit (enrolling).**
27. The **Pandemic Plus plan costs \$140** and you can also add the **Cancel For Any Reason** option by selecting Pre-Existing Conditions Waiver + CFAR (which stands for Cancel For Any Reason) after you click the “BUY” button for the Choice plan. The CFAR plan **costs an additional \$79.09** but it allows you to cancel your trip for any reason and receive a **75% refund** (of whatever you’ve paid to the travel agency at the point you file a claim). See description of coverage for full details.
28. I understand that based on the current cost of the HUNGARY trip (\$3,799) and based on a limited investigation, the current cost of the Pandemic Plus plan, if you add the Cancel For Any Reason option, is **\$219.09**. I understand that if I decide to do so, **I must purchase the Choice plan within 14 DAYS of paying your trip deposit (enrolling).**
29. I understand that the pricing for the travel insurance plan 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.
30. **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 (75%) of the money I’ve paid toward my trip (see the description of coverage on the travel insurance company’s website for specific requirements for each company and each plan).
31. I understand that if I decide to purchase travel insurance, **it is my responsibility to keep a copy of my policy (and coverage description) and provide it to the Dream Academy if requested by them.**

ENROLLMENT FEE

32. I understand that I am required to pay a **\$70 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**. It is my responsibility to include my name on the electronic note when I transfer the \$70 payment to the Dream Academy so they know that the money was paid by me. **Please do not try to send the money to**

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the Dream Academy via Zelle by using the Director's cell number; it must be sent to his email address listed above.

SELLING MY SPOT ON THE TRIP

33. I understand that if I enroll but I am unable to travel for any reason, I can either speak to the Director and try to 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).
- 34. If I am not able to travel, even if I find someone to sell my spot to, I understand that I will forfeit my initial deposit of \$399 as a penalty.**
35. 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.
36. 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.
37. 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.

CHANGE OF DESTINATION OR DATE OF TRIP

38. 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.
39. 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 attempt to postpone my trip to the following school year (though there is no guarantee that Dream Academy will travel the following year or that we'll be using the same travel agency); or 3. I can file a claim using the travel insurance to receive a partial refund (if I purchased travel insurance and qualify to make a claim).
40. I understand that besides the options listed above, I may not have any other options available to me. I understand that I may not be able to receive a partial or full refund from the travel agency or from the Dream Academy since the travel agency may have already used the money I paid them to secure flights, hotels, dining, or attractions and may not be able to get a reimbursement for that money.
41. I understand that the Salinas Valley Dream Academy is not liable for any failure to perform its obligations under this contract due to events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, wars, terrorist acts, government restrictions, pandemics, or significant disruptions to travel infrastructure. In such

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cases, the Academy Director may, at their sole discretion, cancel, postpone, or modify the trip or program activities. I understand that I am not entitled to a refund for payments made to the Academy or travel agency unless explicitly authorized by the Director or covered by travel insurance, and I assume all risks associated with such events.

COVID-19 RELATED PROVISIONS

42. 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.
43. 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 site we visit, I am solely responsible for any consequences or any costs associated with that decision not to be vaccinated for COVID-19.
44. 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.
45. 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.
46. I understand that I may 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.
47. I understand that I will not be allowed to travel if I test positive for COVID-19.
48. 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.
49. I understand that Dream Academy can require me at any time to test for COVID-19 in their presence if they request me to do so.

DONATIONS

50. 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 Dream Academy can deposit it into our its bank account and disburse it to me or to the travel agency on my behalf accordingly (subject to additional terms in this contact).
51. 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)).
52. 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 \$500 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.

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53. 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 mail (or hand deliver) a thank you letter that is addressed to the person or company that gave me the donation check** and submit a copy of it to the Director or team leader before the funds can be transferred to the travel agency on my behalf.

PROOF OF PAYMENT (RECEIPT)

54. 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 (Trip Cost)

55. 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 (including the enrollment fee) or the travel agency (including my deposit).
56. 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) may 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.
57. I understand that refunds for any payments made to the Salinas Valley Dream Academy or the travel agency are not guaranteed, except as explicitly stated in this contract. In exceptional circumstances, such as program cancellation by the Academy for reasons other than insufficient travelers, the Academy Director may, at their sole discretion, authorize partial refunds, less any non-recoverable costs (e.g., administrative fees, vendor deposits, or service charges). I understand that such decisions are final and that I am not entitled to a refund unless explicitly approved by the Director.

FUNDRAISING

58. I understand that my family and I are solely responsible for raising the funds necessary to pay for my trip.
59. I understand that the Academy will provide me some opportunities to raise funds but that it is ultimately my sole responsibility to take advantage of those opportunities to raise as many funds as I can (e.g., selling BBQ tickets, candy apples, and chocolates, distributing donation request letters and following up on them).
60. I understand 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 or my family's own personal funds.
61. 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

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Academy. I understand that I must pay for these items from my personal funds but that if I don't the Dream Academy and/or the travel agency may use funds I've paid to them to pay for those items.

62. I understand that it is my responsibility to keep track of the money in my account with the travel agency 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.
63. 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.
64. 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.

ATTENDANCE (Meetings/Activities)

65. 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 on some months.
66. I understand that I am required to attend and/or participate in all community service events that the Academy organizes.
67. I understand that I am required to attend any and all Zoom or virtual meetings that the Academy may hold during the year.
68. I understand that if I cannot participate in a particular Saturday meeting, fundraising event, community service event, or college visit 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).
69. 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 or check in with a team leader who will check me in 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).
70. 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 thereafter in a manner specified by the Dream Academy.** I 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).

THREE STRIKES POLICY

71. **I understand that the Academy has a 3-strikes and you are out of the program policy.** So, if on three separate occasions, I do not attend a Saturday meeting, 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 have to provide verification of my absence. **I understand that failure to inform my team leader or the Director by no later than the Wednesday before the meeting or activity, 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.
72. **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

73. 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 or the Director 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

74. 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.
75. I understand that I will be expected to be on my 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.
76. 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, TikTok) 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.

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77. I understand that I must not share, post, or disclose any confidential or sensitive information about the Salinas Valley Dream Academy, its members, staff, volunteers, or activities on social media or any other platform without prior written approval from the Academy Director. This includes but is not limited to fundraising details, internal communications, or travel itineraries. I agree to maintain a positive online presence that reflects well on the Academy and to refrain from posting content that could harm the Academy's reputation or operations. Violations of this provision may result in immediate dismissal from the Academy, at the Director's sole discretion.
78. I understand that while traveling with the Salinas Valley Dream Academy, I must adhere to a strict code of conduct to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants. This includes but is not limited to: (1) following all instructions from team leaders and chaperones promptly and respectfully; (2) adhering to all local laws and customs of the destination country; (3) refraining from consuming alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances; (4) maintaining respectful interactions with all group members, hotel staff, and local residents; and (5) adhering to curfews and schedules set by the Academy. Violations of this code may result in immediate consequences, including being sent home early at my and my parents' expense, removal from the Academy, or other measures deemed necessary by the Academy Director, at their sole discretion.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

79. 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 at least one fundraising or community event in order to ensure their success.
80. I understand that, as a parent/guardian, I am responsible for ensuring my child's compliance with all Academy rules, policies, and deadlines outlined in this contract. This includes but is not limited to facilitating timely payments, ensuring attendance at required events, providing necessary documentation (e.g., passports, medical forms), and supporting fundraising efforts. I agree to communicate promptly with the Academy Director or team leaders regarding any concerns and to refrain from interfering with the Academy's operations or decision-making processes. Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in my child receiving a strike or being removed from the Academy, at the Director's sole discretion.
81. I understand that my parents or another adult that I designate will have to attend all Academy parent meetings (most, if not all, of which will be video calls on Zoom). If my parents or another adult I designate misses a parent meeting, without prior approval, it is grounds to receive a strike.

COMMUNICATION

82. 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

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of the Academy, for various purposes unless my parents or I notify the Director in writing or email that I rescind such authorization.

83. I understand that, since the Dream Academy is a youth leadership organization, it should be **ME-** the student- and not a parent or another adult, who is communicating with the Dream Academy on my behalf. I understand that this system is implemented so that I can grow and mature, by asking my own questions, advocating for myself, and communicating with adults about important matters.

84. 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, volunteers, and whoever else the Academy in their discretion sees fit to share my basic information.

85. I understand that information related to my fundraising account and payments may be shared with other students, team leaders, and volunteers in the Academy.

86. 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(s) can contact the Dream Academy Director only after I personally have first communicated directly with my assigned team leader and have attempted to resolve any issue(s) that may have arisen myself.

TRAVELING (Miscellaneous Provisions)

87. 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 on the end of the year trip (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.

88. 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.

89. I understand that though I may be given the option to choose my bedmate, the Academy may choose my roommates (when there are quad rooms).

90. I understand that for my safety, I will never be allowed to have my own hotel room.

91. 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).

92. 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).

93. 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).

94. 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.**

95. 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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96. I understand that, whether I am a United States Citizen or not, I may be required to obtain a **Visa** in order to travel internationally and that it is my sole responsibility to obtain that visa 180 days (six months) prior to traveling or I may forfeit my spot on the trip.

PASSPORT

97. I understand that if I'm traveling internationally, I am required to have a valid and unexpired United States passport.
98. I understand that my passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the date that we are scheduled to return from our international trip. **So, since March 29, 2026 is the day after we return from Hungary, my passport must be valid until September 29, 2026.**
99. **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 September 15, 2025.**
100. I understand that I must provide a copy of my passport via email to the Dream Academy by September 15, 2025 if requested.
101. **I understand that if I do not have an unexpired passport that is valid for at least six months after returning from our international destination by September 15, 2025, 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

102. 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.
103. 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 if the Director determines that to be the best use of the money at that time.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

104. 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

105. I understand that my parent (or guardian) 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.

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106. 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.
107. I understand that I must promptly disclose in writing or email to the Academy Director any changes to my physical, mental, emotional, or psychological condition that may affect my ability to participate safely in Academy activities or travel. I agree to comply with all safety protocols established by the Academy, including but not limited to emergency evacuation procedures, health screenings, or travel restrictions. In the event of an emergency, I authorize the Academy Director or designated team leaders to take all necessary actions to ensure my safety, including arranging medical treatment or repatriation, and I understand that my parents/guardians and I are responsible for any associated costs.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

108. I understand that any disputes arising from this contract or my participation in the Salinas Valley Dream Academy shall first be addressed through informal discussion with the Academy Director. If the dispute remains unresolved, I agree to participate in good-faith mediation with a neutral third party selected by the Academy, with mediation costs shared equally between the parties. I agree that mediation is a condition precedent to any legal action, and any legal action must be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Monterey County, California, applying California law. I waive any right to pursue class actions or punitive damages against the Academy.

PERMISSION TO USE LIKENESS

109. I understand that by signing this contract and in exchange for being accepted into the Dream Academy, my parent(s) (or guardian(s)) and I are giving the Academy express and irrevocable permission to use my/our name, voice, image/likeness, statements, and biographical information and my parents/guardians are giving their express and irrevocable permission to use my/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 because they may not have enough time to raise the necessary funds to travel.
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 at the Director's sole discretion and judgment the Director believes that a student's continued participation would be detrimental to the Dream Academy in any way, shape, or form.

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

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 or agreed upon 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: _____

I have read the Student-Parent Contract consisting of 15 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 15 pages and I understand all of the above-listed requirements and conditions of participating in the Salinas Valley

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

Student Name (print): _____

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 grow, 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