

Discovery Academy Of Lake Alfred

FAMILY CONTRACT



"Home of the Voyagers"

1000 North Buena Vista Drive – Lake Alfred, FL 33850 – (863) 295-5955

Carol Fulks, Director • Kevin Warren, Principal

CONTRACT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS • GRADES 6-8

By choosing to enroll a child at Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred, parents provide their child with an exciting, enriching educational opportunity. Registration of a student indicates that parents or guardians have accepted the responsibility to provide the guidance, encouragement and home environment to foster the best possible learning situation. Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred expects the family to comply with the requirements of the school. Please read the following expectations carefully.

1. My child is expected to attend school every day, to arrive promptly and to remain throughout the scheduled hours. There will be no checkouts between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Excessive tardiness, checkouts and/or unexcused absences may result in my child being placed on attendance probation and/or immediate dismissal from Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred.
2. I understand that as a parent or guardian I must be supportive of my child and his/her school. I also understand that I am required to attend parent conferences, school meetings and other activities sponsored by the school.
3. My child is expected to adhere to the strict uniform dress code and discipline policy. My child will take responsibility for his/her own behavior and will seek adult assistance when necessary. I understand that it is my responsibility as a parent to reinforce school expectations and communicate any concerns with school staff. Failure to follow school expectations may result in my child being placed on behavioral probation and/or immediate dismissal from Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred.
4. I understand that my child is participating in a rigorous academic program and will maintain continuous academic progress and desirable work habits. Failure to maintain academic requirements may result in being placed on probation and/or immediate dismissal from Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred.
5. I understand that my child could be placed on attendance, behavior or academic probation for not meeting expectations of Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred. If my child is placed on probation, my presence as a parent or guardian is mandatory at a scheduled intervention conference to help develop strategies that address the issue. Lack of parent involvement may result in immediate dismissal from Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred.
6. I further understand that repeated offenses or failure to fulfill stipulations of the Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred Family Contract will result in my child being exited from Discovery Academy. If a recommendation is made to dismiss my child, I understand that I may appeal this recommendation according to the governing board's approved Appeal Procedures Guidelines. Dismissal will preclude my child from priority status if reapplying.
7. Cell phones, cameras, mp3 players, cd players & portable gaming systems are not allowed on campus. If your child should bring an electronic device to school, it will be confiscated, a consequence given and a parent will have to pick up the device. Repeated offenses will be dealt with as insubordination and could lead to dismissal.
8. I understand that it is my responsibility as a parent/guardian to provide current emergency contact information throughout the school year.

I understand and agree to all of the above statements.

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



APPENDIX 17B Appeal Procedures Guidelines

If loss of bus privileges from a Discovery Academy bus, or dismissal from Discovery Academy has been recommended and the parent does not agree with the decision, the parent may appeal as follows:

PRINCIPAL'S HEARING

1. Request: The parent may request a hearing to be conducted by the Principal. Such request should be directed to the Principal and must be received within five (5) days of the disciplinary action.
2. Notice of Hearing: Upon receipt of such request, the Principal or designee shall contact the parent and arrange a time and date for said hearing, which shall be conducted within five (5) days of the date of such request.
3. Written Recommendation: The Principal shall review the appeal and shall affirm, cancel or modify the disciplinary action. Such decision shall be documented in written form and provided to the parent. If the parent does not agree with the decision from the Principal's Hearing, an appeal may be made to the Governing Board.

GOVERNING BOARD APPEAL REVIEW

1. Written Request: The parent may request an appeal hearing to the Governing Board. Such request should be in writing, directed to the Governing Board Chairperson, and must be received within three (3) days of the Principal's hearing.
2. Notice of Hearing: Upon receipt of such request, the Governing Board Chairperson or designee shall contact the parent to coordinate a time and date for said hearing. Such notice shall be confirmed in writing and provided to the parent.
3. Appeal Hearing: The Governing Board shall review all records of the prior proceeding(s) by the administration, student and parent.
4. Notice of Final Action: Action taken by the Governing Board shall constitute the final appeal. A copy of the final action adopted by the Governing Board shall be forwarded to the parent.

The Governing Board Review shall constitute the final decision for all appeals.

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Appendix 17

School's Family Contract

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I understand and agree to all of the above statements.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name – (Please Print) _____