

**WATERSIDE SCHOOL**  
**Parent Pledge**  
**Academic Year 2019-2020**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my child's education at Waterside is a rare opportunity offering him/her and my family numerous choices for my child's future. I understand that this opportunity will cost the school \$24,250.00 for my child's place, and will require a great commitment of time, energy and caring on the part of the Waterside faculty and administration. In return, this opportunity requires that I participate fully and work together with the faculty and staff. In signing my child's contract for the coming school year, I pledge do the following:

**Attendance and Punctuality**

- I will make sure my child arrives at school every day by 7:40 AM if my child is going to eat breakfast at school, or by 7:50 AM, having eaten breakfast at home.
- If my child takes the bus to school, I will make sure my child eats a healthy breakfast before leaving home.
- I will get my child to the stop on time, and not cause the bus to have to wait.
- I will pick my child up promptly at the time indicated by the school every day, or make sure that I or another capable adult will meet my child at the bus stop on time.

**Uniform / Hygiene**

- I will purchase the required uniform pieces for my child, and when uniform items wear out or my child outgrows them, I will replace them promptly.
- I will make sure that my child comes to school clean and well groomed every day.
- I will make sure that a clean and proper uniform is worn every day, including footwear.
- I will make sure that all items are labeled with my child's name or initials.
- I will make sure my child brings the required PE clothes and sneakers every day he/she has PE class.

**Homework and Commitment to Academic Achievement**

- I will have high expectations for my child's academic success and will not make excuses for why he/she has not done the required work.
- I will monitor every evening that homework is done completely and well, and will make sure my child understands that homework always comes before television or play.
- I will read to my child or encourage my child to **read every single night**.
- I will check my child's backpack and folder every evening, and make sure his/her work is organized and orderly.
- I will follow any recommendations made by my child's teachers about what I need to do at home to help my child succeed.

**Behavior and Values**

- I will uphold the philosophy and goals of Waterside School and its Code of Conduct.

- I will expect good behavior from my child and support the school in requiring good behavior from my child at all times.
- I will take seriously any call from the school about a problem with my child’s behavior, and follow up promptly and seriously with my child.

**Communication**

- I will communicate regularly and honestly with my child’s teachers, and inform them about anything happening at home that could affect my child’s behavior and learning at school.
- I will check my child’s backpack every evening, and make sure that I carefully read all notes sent home from school.
- I will give the school accurate phone numbers & email addresses where I can be reached during the day, and be responsible for informing the school immediately of any changes in my contact information.
- I will make sure the school has accurate emergency contact names and numbers in case I cannot be reached and there is an emergency with my child.
- I will immediately respond to any call that comes home from the school, whether it be from my child’s teacher, from the office, from the school nurse, from Mrs. Visage or any other member of the staff.

**Giving Back: My Contribution to the Waterside Community**

- I will pay all tuition bills and extended day child-care bills promptly.
- I understand that failure to meet my financial obligation may result in either dismissal and/or the withholding of important school documents.
- I will make sure that my child’s medical forms are up to date, and will respond promptly when the school nurse calls to let me know that the date for a new physical is approaching.
- I understand that I need to give back to the Waterside School, and I commit to volunteering at the school for a minimum of 15 hours during each academic year my child is in attendance.
- I have read and signed the enclosed Parent Involvement Commitment Form.

**Computer Use**

- I have read the enclosed Acceptable Computer Use Policy and agree to the terms stated in the document.

***I understand that how well I uphold my commitment to the school as outlined on these two pages will be a factor that the school considers when deciding whether or not to offer my child a contract for the next school year.***

**Parent(s) Signature(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Copies of this signed Parent Pledge, the signed Parent Involvement Form and your child’s signed Enrollment Contract for the 2019-2020 school year will be provided to you.***