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雷丁艺术学校

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back 8th grade families. Your 8th grade year is an exciting milestone in your educational career. As this school year starts we want to introduce to you the formalized 8th grade contract. This contract was put in place to streamline communication, eliminate confusion and clarify the school's expectations regarding 8th grade activities and promotion.

This contract is designed to review and condense what is covered in the Family Handbook in regards to academic, attendance and behavior expectations during the 8th grade year.

It is our hope that the 8th grade contract will eliminate any potential confusion regarding requirements for attending 8th grade year activities such as Marine Biology (SeaCamp) Fieldtrip, the 8th grade picnic, promotion and celebration. It is very important that you and your 8th grade student carefully review the contract together, sign it and return it to their classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Carol Wahl

**A Copy of the 8th grade contract will be maintained in the parent resources page of the RSA Website for review purposes.



8th Grade Year Student Contract

Student: _____

Date _____

Eighth grade Marine Biology fieldtrip, promotion ceremony and end of year activities are important events at RSA. As such the promotion ceremony and end of year activities are designed to honor all students, celebrate the year and acknowledge the many accomplishments of all students. To fully participate in all the activities available to our 8th graders, students must meet minimum requirements. This contract outlines the minimum academic, attendance and behavior requirements needed to participate in these activities, and are based on current RSA Board policies. Eighth graders who cannot meet these minimum requirements risk losing the privilege of participating in one or more of the following activities:

- **8th grade Fieldtrip** An in depth study of marine biology at Sea Camp in Monterey Bay focusing on team building, cooperation and life science content standards.
- **8th grade Picnic:** designed to allow 8th grade friends to “hangout” and enjoy the day with peers and their teachers.
- **8th grade Showcase:** developed to allow auditioned 8th graders to perform on the RSA stage before the middle school peers at the end of the year. An opportunity to be applauded and encouraged in their performing arts endeavors now and in the future.
- **Promotion Ceremony and/ or Celebration:** program to honor our graduates for their academic success at RSA before their family, friends, and staff members. During the promotion ceremony RSA performing arts classes and spring electives will honor the 8th graders by singing, playing instruments and or dancing. A celebration party follows the ceremony.

8th Grade Contract Requirements:

- **Academics-** Students must receive a 2.0 grade point average and receive a D or better in all classes including electives.

- Failure to meet academic requirements in 1 or more classes during the first two trimesters will result in the loss of Marine Biology Fieldtrip. If not attending the field trip students will lose 8th grade Picnic.
- Failure to meet academic requirements in 1 or more classes during the 3rd trimester will result in the loss of 8th grade Picnic and the additional loss of one or more end of year activities contingent upon number of failing classes.
- For all academic concerns, administrative/staff discretion will be implemented and parent-teacher conferences and/or SST meetings will be employed to help resolve concerns before consequences occur.
- **Attendance-** Students must meet minimum attendance requirements as outlined in Board Policy and Family Handbook:
 - 3 or more unexcused absences during the 8th grade year will result in the loss of end of year activities including but not limited to the 8th grade Picnic.
 - Excessive tardies, an accumulation of more than 10 during the 8th grade year, that were not resolved through the SST/School Discipline process, will result in the loss of end of year activities including but not limited to the 8th grade Picnic.
- **Behavior-** Students must maintain reasonable behavior. Students will be prohibited from participating in any or all of the 8th grade year activities if one or more of the following occurs during the 8th grade school year:
 - Accumulation of 6 or more office referrals during the year or 2 during the last trimester.
 - Accumulation of 10 or more in-class referrals, including in-class referrals for excessive tardies, or late work.
 - Accrual of 3 or more days of suspension during the 8th grade year.
 - Accrual of 1 suspension day during the third trimester.
 - Commitment of an act or acts that, in the collective opinion of the administration and middle school staff, warrants disqualification from one or more of the Promotion activities.
 - Teaching staff with the concurrence of administration may disqualify a student from participating in 1 or more of the 8th grade activities when, in their opinion, the student poses a safety issue to self or others.

I have read the above contract and understand that failure to meet minimum academic, attendance, and behavior requirements may result in the loss of one or more 8th grade activities.

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<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Homeroom Teacher Signature	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Date