

KIPP Ascend Charter School

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

TEACHER'S COMMITMENT

I fully commit to KIPP in the following ways:

- I will arrive at KIPP every day by 7:15 AM (Monday – Friday).
- I will remain at KIPP until 5:00 PM Monday – Thursday and 3:30 PM on Friday.
- I will arrive at KIPP by 9:00 AM and stay until 5:00 PM on Staff Development days.
- I will do whatever it takes to challenge our students to meet KIPP's expectations for academic skills, intellectual habits, and character qualities.
- I will protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom and on all field lessons.
- I will always strive to improve my teaching abilities.
- I will be available to students and parents by cell phone after school hours to answer their concerns.

I understand these commitments. If these commitments are not met, I will receive consequences, including possible termination.

X _____ Date: _____

STUDENT'S COMMITMENT

I understand that being a KIPP student is not easy. It is hard work. I fully commit to KIPP in the following ways:

- I will arrive at KIPP every day from August 9th to September 1st by 7:25am and remain until 1:30pm.
- Starting on September 7th, I will arrive at KIPP by 7:25am and stay until 5:00pm (Monday - Thursday) and 3:30pm on Friday.
- I will come to KIPP the correct Saturdays at 9:00 A.M. and remain until 1:00 P.M.
- I will bring at least two pencils with erasers, two pens, all books and materials, and all necessary folders and binders filled with at least ten blank sheets of paper.
- I will follow the KIPP dress code.
- I will always work, think, and behave in the best way I know how and I will do whatever it takes for me and my fellow teammates to learn.
- I will always protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom. This means that I will always listen to all my KIPP teammates and give everyone my respect.
- I will follow the teachers' directions.
- I will always work my hardest to improve my academics and behavior so I can meet the expectations I have for myself, and that my school and family have for me too.
- I will raise my hand and ask questions in class until I understand something.
- I will complete my homework every night, and I will call my teachers if I have problems.

- I understand that KIPP buses are not an entitlement; they are a privilege. I understand that on the bus, I will be required to be silent, read, and stay seated. Bus privileges will be taken away if I behave inappropriately on the bus or at a KIPP bus stop.
- I will always take responsibility for my actions and tell the truth.

I understand these commitments. If these commitments are not met, I will receive consequences, including loss of KIPP privileges, placement at "Base Camp", and possibly even removal from the school.

X _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

I understand that being a KIPP parent is not easy. It is hard work. I fully commit to supporting my child at KIPP in the following ways:

- I will ensure that my child arrives at KIPP every day during August by 7:25 AM and remain until 1:30 PM. Starting in September, I will make sure that my child arrives at KIPP by 7:25 AM and stay until 5:00 PM Monday-Thursday and until 3:30 PM on Fridays. If my child rides the bus, I will make sure that she/he boards a KIPP bus at the schedule time.
- I will make arrangements for my child to come to KIPP on appropriate Saturdays at 9:00 AM and remain until 1:00 PM.
- I will notify the school no later than the beginning of the school day if my child will miss school.
- I will always help my child in the best way I know how and I will do whatever it takes for him/her to reach KIPP's academic and behavioral goals, as well as the school's Cultural Expectations.
- I will carefully read the communications that the school sends home to me. I will carefully check my child's homework every night. I will make sure that my child reads a novel for least 30 minutes each night.
- I will ensure that my child calls his/her teacher when there are problems with homework.
- I will attend all four quarterly Parent Teacher Conferences. I will attend all other meetings scheduled for my child.
- I will allow my child to go on every KIPP field lessons that s/he earns.
- I will make sure my child follows the KIPP dress code.
- I will make sure that my child upholds his/her Commitment to Excellence.
- I understand that my child must follow the KIPP rules so as to protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom.
- I am responsible for the behavior and actions of my child. The school is not responsible for the behavior and actions of my child.
- I understand that KIPP buses are not an entitlement; they are a privilege. I understand that on the bus, students are required to be silent, read, and stay seated. Bus privileges will be taken away if my child behaves inappropriately on the bus or at a KIPP bus stop.
- I will always make myself available to my child and the KIPP staff members regarding any concerns they might have.

I understand that if these commitments are not met, our child will receive consequences, including loss of privileges, placement at "Base Camp", and possibly even removal from the school.

X _____ Date: _____