

Virtual Classroom of the Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite
Parent/Student Handbook and Contract
2020-2021
Held Virtually to Support Social Distancing and Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level for 20-21: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____ Student's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email: _____ Student's Email: _____

The Academy Teachers will:

- Oversee academic progress of students and maintain two-way communication with parents.
- Provide consultation to families to aid and support them in coursework decisions for their scholar.
- Maintain attendance records and academic transcripts for each student.
- Oversee the weekly academy schedule of virtual classes and staffing to coordinate a full blended learning, private school schedule.
- Design, select, and plan for implementation of regularly scheduled face-to-face lessons to be held/taught in our dedicated virtual classroom synchronously to include English language arts integrated with science and/or social studies, book clubs, science experiments, mathematics, and social and emotional learning.
- Respond to and address the needs of students and families promptly and tolerate no negative gossip about students and/or any aspect of the academy.
- Engage as a member of a team who will rally around the student throughout the year to support him/her towards success. This team includes the parent(s), student, and the Scholars Academy staff. The Scholars Academy prides itself on providing a fully supportive and integrated program with caring adults who support our students in all aspects of their lives. It is critical that the student and parent(s) engage as an active part of this team. **Empowering one another in our various roles will support a productive, positive, successful experience in self-concept, academics, and life.**
- Support students and families in reaching their academic goals while simultaneously remaining socially distanced via our virtual classroom setting.

The Academy Student will:

- Maintain regular attendance at all scheduled virtual academy sessions.
 - Notify the academy instructor or director by text message before any tardies or absences indicating the reason for the missed academic time (planned or last-minute).
 - Maintain a positive academic attitude and display respect at all times towards instructors, peers, and self.
- NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Take responsibility for academic goals and work diligently towards them.
 - Be responsive to the academy instructors with prompt two-way communication.
 - Accept constructive criticism aimed at helping the student to grow academically or otherwise.
 - Engage in and give 100% focused effort towards all course assignments (online and face-to-face/synchronous/virtual classroom); recognizing that course assignments are designed and scheduled by educators and are based on research and best practices for teaching and learning and are non-negotiable.
 - Contact the academy instructors or director with questions or concerns at any time.
 - Behave in a manner that supports a studious virtual classroom environment and take care so as not to disrupt the work of others.
 - Arrive daily prepared with laptop/tablet, charger, and other necessary academic supplies so as to engage fully in our daily, synchronous virtual classroom lessons.

Initials of Scholar and Parent Required on Each Page to Acknowledge Agreement _____

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-Engage in self-paced schoolwork independently so as to achieve adequate daily progress

-Schedule and attend private or small group tutoring sessions to make-up for any absence(s). *Additional fee applied.

The Academy Parents will:

-Maintain regular two-way communication with the academy instructors and director.

-Maintain a positive attitude and display respect at all times towards instructors, your student, other students, and the academy instructional staff. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

-Support and expect the student's engagement with 100% focused effort towards all course assignments (online/synchronous/virtual classroom); recognizing that course assignments are designed and scheduled by the educators and are based on research and best practices for teaching and learning and are non-negotiable.

-Contact the instructional staff with questions or concerns at any time.

-Learn about and understand the research basis for the academy curriculum.

-Understand that, like in traditional public schools, private schools, and under Homeschool Law, the student and parent(s) have the ultimate responsibility for successful academic progress.

-Support the student's participation in the academy's administration of the yearly nationally normed assessment in the spring.

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-Schedule private or small group tutoring sessions for student to make-up for any absence(s). *Additional fee applied.

-Submit payments in agreement with the payment terms as selected at the time of registration and accept that a \$20 late fee will be applied to payments submitted more than five calendar days after the due date. On the fifth calendar day following the payment due date, the payment due, with the additional \$20 late fee added to the payment, will be charged to the credit card on file (3.5% processing fee additional).

-Agree that registration for the academy is a full academic-year commitment that continues through the last day of school for the 2021 academic year.

-Agree that there will be no refunds or proration of fees due to absences, illness, injury, early completion of online coursework, or early withdraw from the academy program.

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Enrollment and Payment Options for Grades 7-12: (Please indicate your selected options.)

<p>Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite Virtual Classroom Registration, Tuition, and Fees Research-Based, Engaging, High-Quality Online Synchronous and Self-Paced Teaching and Learning = Effective Blended Learning *\$thousands less than most private online curriculum programs</p>	
Annually	\$5,500
<p>*Important Note: Families registering and submitting tuition in full before August 8th receive an \$500 tuition discount per scholar (tuition=\$5,000) *Families with documented approval for the <u>NC Opportunity Scholarship</u> or <u>Education Savings Account</u> completing all paperwork prior to August 8th also receive an \$500 tuition discount per scholar (tuition=\$5,000)</p>	
Semester	\$2,775
<p>*Due 8/08/20 and 12/01/20 *Important Note: Families registering and submitting the first semester fees before August 8th receive a \$250 discount per semester for each scholar (tuition=\$2,525 per semester)</p>	
Monthly	\$560
<p>*Due 08/08, 09/01, 10/01, 11/01, 12/01, 01/01, 02/01, 03/01, 04/01, and 05/01 *Important Note: Families registering and submitting the first monthly payment by August 8th receive an \$50 discount per month, per scholar (tuition=\$510/month) Important Note: The NC Opportunity Scholarship may be available to qualifying families. This scholarship may fund most or all of the tuition and fees for qualifying scholars. All families are encouraged to apply. Please visit http://www.ncseaa.edu/OSG_ChooseSchool.htm for details and to apply/select Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite. <div style="text-align: right;"> NC Opportunity Scholarship Applicant? Yes <u>or</u> No Education Savings Account Participant? Yes <u>or</u> No </div> </p>	

Additional Fees:

- \$200 non-refundable registration fee due at registration to hold each scholar’s spot in the academy as well to support the registration process (\$100 each for siblings)
- \$250 first semester supply fee to go towards materials and supplies such as book club texts, textbooks and materials, science lab kits, etc.
- \$250 second semester supply fee
- \$120 yearly testing and administration fee
- (optional) Honor Society Dues (pending invitation)
- (optional) Field Trip Fees (NOT-LIKELY FOR 20-21)

Method of Payment:

Payment is to be made to “Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite” and is accepted via cash, check, NC Opportunity Scholarship, Education Savings Account, debit or credit card purchase with recurring automatic payments available for your convenience (w/ 3.5% processing fee).

*Credit Card Authorization Form Required for Semester and Monthly Payment Options as well as for remaining balance after NC Opportunity Scholarship award.

Scholars Academy Director Signature	Printed Name	Date
Scholars Academy Student Signature	Printed Name	Date
Scholars Academy Parent Signature(s)	Printed Name(s)	Date

Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite Virtual Classroom
Supply List

notebooks/binder of your choice for your selected online courses

One one-inch, three-ring binder (for your academic portfolio)

One pack of at least 40 clear sheet protectors (with three-ring holes) *avoid frosted texture

Pencils (any kind)

Pens *Fun colors highly encouraged (Papermate Flair are a favorite of our students!)

One roll of Scotch tape

One tiny stapler

One multipack of sticky notes (standard size) *Fun colors highly encouraged

Supply pouch or zip bag to hold your sticky notes, pens, pencils, stapler, and tape (have fun with this)

A dedicated area for your virtual school area (can be a desk, a spot at a table, a special chair, etc.)

A dedicated shelf or dish tub space to keep your school supplies and materials

Multi-function calculator (graphing calculator if enrolled in Algebra or above)

*Laptop or tablet with Google Classroom Hangout capability and charger required daily

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Expiration Date: _____

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Amount to Charge: \$_____ (USD) *Semester or Monthly Fees as listed in 2020-2021 Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite Virtual Classroom Contract

I authorize Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite to charge the amount listed above to the credit card provided herein. I agree to pay for this service in accordance with the issuing bank cardholder agreement and according to the terms listed in the 2020-2021 Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite Virtual Classroom Contract.

Cardholder – Please Sign and Date

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____