



## **Tech High Parent / Student Contract 2009-2010**

**Tech High maximizes the learning of every student by delivering an integrated curriculum focused on engineering, medical science, information technology, and business leadership.**

Tech High is a public charter high school. As a school of choice, Tech High maintains high standards for academics and student conduct. Students who reside within the Atlanta Public Schools attendance zone are eligible to apply.

All members of the Tech High community work together to preserve the integrity, values and opportunities that a Tech High education represents.

### **STUDENT and PARENT CONTRACT**

As a parent, you have a right and an obligation to choose for your child an educational option that best meets your students' needs and desires. Tech High is one option that you may choose; however, your choice is not without obligation. We believe that the parent is the most important component in a student's education and that you play a major role in providing opportunities for your student.

The faculty and staff at Tech High have responsibilities and obligations as well. We recognize that you have a choice and that we must provide the best possible learning environment to assist you in meeting the goals and standards you have set for your student. This contract is an essential document to describe each participant's roles and responsibilities, obligations and expectations.

Violation of any of the conditions of this agreement may result in either of the following:

- 1) probation for the offense and, if repeated, withdrawal or**
- 2) your immediate withdrawal and reassignment to your zone school**

The Tech High administration will be responsible for making recommendations to the Disciplinary Tribunal Committee, which is made up of impartial members, as to the appropriate action for each case.

### **Tech High students agree to ALL of the following conditions:**

*Students—initial **each** line in the space provided:*

- Attend school daily and avoid unexcused absences/excessive tardiness
- Contribute to a safe, respectful and orderly school environment by following the Code of Student Conduct
- Adhere to **every aspect** of the school dress code **at all times**
- Maintain academic requirements. Students who fail more than 2 core academic course during any given year will be recommended for referral to their zone school.

- Attend all mandatory tutorial and Saturday School assignments.
- Select a career academy area during the first year
- Provide a service to our community (**80** hours during the course of your high school career)
- Comply with the conditions of all teacher syllabi
- Maintain academic integrity at all times. Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated.

**Tech High parents/guardians agree to all of the following conditions:**

*Parents/Guardians—initial **each** line in the space provided.*

- I understand that Tech High is a public charter school and that students are not required to enroll.
- I understand that Tech High must adhere to all state and federal laws and policies.
- I will regularly check my student's grades on line, and maintain contact with all teachers. Consistent communication enables me to stay current with my student's progress.
- I understand that my student will have some form of homework every day.
- I understand that Tech High is required to administer assessments and tests during the school year. This includes the End of Course Test (EOCT) and Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT). I will support the school's efforts to achieve maximum test participation. I will also work with the school to encourage and help my student to do his/her best work at all times, including on the assessments.
- I will notify the school promptly about illness or other absences and will work with my student's teachers to get missed assignments. When I must check my student in late, I understand that I must provide a written excuse and enter the building to sign-in.
- I will treat the faculty and staff of Tech High with the same courtesy and respect that I expect and desire for myself. I understand that it is never appropriate to berate my student in the presence of faculty, staff or other students.
- I understand that surveys will be distributed periodically and that my participation is essential to Tech High's commitment to continuous improvement.
- I understand that Tech High has a clear set of behavior codes that each child and family must follow. I agree to read the Tech High Family Handbook with my student and will assure that he/she understands the rules. I will return one signed copy of this contract along with the signature page at the end of the Family Handbook by \_\_\_\_\_. By doing so, I am indicating that I have read the Family Handbook with my student and I understand that Tech High requires students to be people with integrity and that they are to adhere to the code of conduct and contribute to the **culture of success** at Tech High.
- I understand that, as the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I am responsible for making sure that my student is prepared and ready to learn every day. This Parental Commitment is a key to the overall academic progress and developmental success of my student. As such, I understand the importance of my responsibility and will do all that I can to

prepare my student by having all required materials, completed assignments, any necessary supplies and getting the appropriate rest and nourishment to perform at his / her best at all times. If at any time my student is not ready or willing to learn, I understand that the school staff may call upon me to resolve the situation. This will include assisting in addressing behavioral issues, inappropriate dress, missing or incomplete assignments, etc. When called upon, I will respond positively in a responsible, appropriate and timely manner.

- I understand that I must provide a service to the school (20 hours per year).
- I will make sure my student attends tutorials and Saturday School when assigned.
- I will participate in parent-teacher conferences, school meetings and related activities.
- I am aware that failure to meet academic requirements may result in my student being placed on academic probation. If the probation criteria are not met, my student will be referred to his/her zone school.
- I am aware that Tech High does not participation in the promotion of students to the next grade level by what is known as "social promotion." Students at Tech High are always expected to earn their grades and must accept responsibility for their academic progress and behavior.

**Tech High faculty and staff agree to ALL of the following conditions:**

*Administration-- initial **each** line in the space provided.*

- We understand parents have a choice and an obligation to choose the most appropriate educational setting for their children. In choosing Tech High, they have made a conscious decision to entrust us with the education of their student(s).
- We agree to treat both parents/guardians and students with the utmost respect and courtesy, understanding.
- We will be prepared and on time to appointments.
- We will closely supervise students and guard and protect them from others who would harm them in any way.
- We will not use inappropriate language or behave in anyway which would embarrass the student or parent/guardian.
- We will work closely with parents to design the best and most appropriate educational placement for the student within our abilities and resources.
- We will communicate with parents/guardians frequently, and make consistent efforts to inform parents of their students' strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for continuous achievement. We will work to resolve any problems that may affect student performance and customer satisfaction.
- We will follow all laws and policies pertaining to the privacy and confidentiality of all students and parents/guardians.
- We will act and dress as professionals.

— We will remember that we are employed to set high standards for ourselves and others in the Tech High community.

Tech High is a school that eligible students choose to attend. There are high expectations for individual effort and student behavior. Signatures by both the student and the parent/guardian acknowledge commitment to the above expectations.

We provided each family with two copies of this contract and one copy of the **2009-2010 Tech High Family Handbook**. Parents/guardians are expected to keep a copy of the contract and handbook during the course of the year for reference purposes. Additional handbook copies are available for a fee of \$3.00. Tech High will maintain a copy of the Parent / Student Contract in the student's file.

The following signatures indicate that the student and parent/guardian have read this contract and the **2009-2010 Tech High Family Handbook**, agree to its contents, and understand the contents and the consequences for violation of this agreement:

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| Student Name (Print):         | _____ | Date: | _____ |
| Student Signature:            | _____ | Date: | _____ |
| Parent/Guardian Name (Print): | _____ | Date: | _____ |
| Parent/Guardian Signature:    | _____ | Date: | _____ |
| Administrator Name (Print):   | _____ | Date: | _____ |
| Administrator Signature:      | _____ | Date: | _____ |