

## **BCCS Family Accountability Contract**

In order for students to learn and grow, it is essential that we all do our part. Boston Collegiate Charter School students, parents, teachers, and administrators all have responsibilities to promote student learning and growth. We are all educational partners who must do our part so that students can learn to the best of their ability and be prepared for college success.

BCCS's Student and Family Handbook outlines what students, teachers and the Principal must do to ensure student success. This Family Accountability Contract describes important responsibilities and school expectations that families accept once they choose to enroll at this school. Keep in mind that all the items below are drawn directly from our Handbook. We know that the choice you made in coming here is a precious one and we want to make sure that you have a full and clear understanding of your responsibilities.

### ATTENDANCE

- I will ensure that my child comes to school every day on time to begin school at 8:00 AM.
- I understand that if my child is absent more than 6.5% of his/her school year, he or she may have to repeat his or her current grade. For a typical 190-day school year, this would mean that if a student is absent with or without excuse for more than 12 days of the school year, that student may fail all of his or her classes for the year and may need to repeat his or her current grade.
- I will make sure that my child promptly makes up missed work following absences.
- I understand that an absence is excused if I have contacted the school and written a detailed note regarding student illness, family emergency, or religious observance. I understand the student is still considered absent for that day, but may make up the work.
- I understand that my child will not earn credit for work missed after unexcused absences, including but not limited to: out-of-school suspensions, family vacations, participation at sports tournaments, and attendance at entertainment events.
- I understand that the school day ends at 5:00 PM, but that my child may be dismissed at 3:00 PM (2:00 PM on Mondays) if all homework is complete and he or she is not required to stay for detention or required extra help.
- I agree to make alternative transportation plans if my child is not dismissed until 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM.
- I understand that my child may not be permitted to enter the building before 7:30 AM and will report to an assigned "before-school" room if he or she enters before 7:45 AM.

### HOMEWORK

- I agree to carefully check my child's homework daily to ensure that it is complete.
- I understand that if my child is in Grades 5-9, he or she will be required to stay for at least one hour in Homework Club (grades 5-8) or mandatory tutoring (grade 9) if he or she does not complete assigned homework or completes homework that does not meet classroom standards.
- I understand that my child cannot be excused from Homework Club or mandatory tutoring unless there is a family emergency or a student illness.
- I understand that lack of transportation is not an acceptable reason to remove my child from Homework Club.
- I understand that if my child skips Homework Club or mandatory tutoring and does not make it up the next day, he or she may receive detention.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

- I agree to promote and support the rules of behavior as well as the consequence system as outlined in the BCCS Student Handbook, and accept responsibility as a partner in my child's learning.

- I understand that my child will be required to stay for at least one hour in after-school detention if he or she commits a detention-level infraction, or accumulates 3 demerits in the course of a week.
- I understand that it is my child's responsibility to notify me if he or she earns an afterschool detention.
- I understand that my child will be suspended if he or she misses afterschool detention.
- I will come to school for a meeting if my child is suspended, and I understand that my child may not be allowed to return to class until after this meeting occurs.

PROMOTION POLICIES

- I understand that my child needs to pass 5 core academic classes (a core class is any class that meets five times a week) in order to be promoted to the next grade.
- I understand that my child will be automatically retained if he or she fails 2 or more core academic classes.
- I understand that if my child fails 1 class, he or she must fulfill summer school or tutoring requirements and pass a minimum competency exam in order to be promoted.
- I understand that my child may be required to stay for afterschool tutoring and that regular attendance at mandatory tutoring is a requirement for an invitation to attend Saturday School.
- I will ensure that my child attends Saturday School if he or she is failing one or more classes as of the first progress report and any subsequent progress reports or report cards on which my child is failing for the year.

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

- I will ensure that my child comes to school in proper dress, according to the guidelines listed in the Student Handbook.
- I understand that if my child comes to school out of uniform, he or she may not be permitted to attend class, may need to wait for the appropriate dress to be brought in from home, and may receive a demerit or an automatic detention to be served that day.

STUDENT LUNCH

- I will ensure that my child comes to school with a nutritious breakfast and lunch every day, or I will make arrangements for him or her to have the school breakfast and/or lunch.
- I agree not to send soda to school with my child since students are not allowed to drink soda at school.

FAMILY SUPPORT

- I agree to support my child's academic work by communicating regularly with my child's teachers and advisor, by scheduling appointments to talk with them as needed, and by attending all three Family-Teacher Conferences.
- I understand that if my child is in grade 5, I will need to pick up his or her report card at the first Family-Teacher Conference.
- I understand that if my child is failing at least 1 class for the quarter or for the year, I will need to pick up his or her report card at the next Family-Teacher Conference.
- I agree to attend family meetings and other school-sponsored events on a regular basis.
- I agree to volunteer at least once during the school year.
- I understand the significant commitment necessary for my child to be prepared for college success and I am committed to supporting my child through all aspects of the college preparatory process.

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Student Name

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In exchange for what students and families do, we promise to provide students with a safe and orderly environment in which they'll enjoy studying and learning and we promise to prepare each student for college.

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Advisor Signature

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Principal Signature

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Date

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Date