

Parent Agreement 2012-13



At Trinity Christian School, we strive to achieve excellence in all aspects of a student's life. Partnering with you is essential to achieve this goal and equip our students to become disciples of Christ. Achieving these levels of excellence is required by our mission statement and further explained in our Student/Parent Handbook. To be certain of what we expect from parents and to hold you accountable to Christian living as it relates to all areas at Trinity, you are required to sign this Parent Agreement.

We, as parents of Trinity, understand that enrollment is not a right, but a privilege and do affirm that there are standards that must be attained and maintained for the welfare of each student as well as for the entire school. Accordingly, in addition to Christian principles set forth in the attached Statement of Purpose and Statement of Belief and requirements of the Student/Parent Handbook, we hereby agree to the following:

- 1. FAMILY COOPERATION AGREEMENT.** Upon acceptance of a child into Trinity, the parent or guardian enters into a cooperative agreement with the school as follows:
 - a. Grade Placement.** We as parents understand that once a child is admitted into Trinity, the teachers will work together to place our child in the academic programs, including grade entrance placement, which will benefit our child. Upon admission, we agree to abide by Trinity's recommendation for grade placement.
 - b. Uniforms.** We agree to uphold the dress code as stated in the Student Handbook. We recognize the determination of whether our child is in compliance with the dress code is solely at the discretion of Trinity and we agree to have a cooperative spirit if any dispute arises with regard to our child and uniforms.
 - c. Church Life.** We pledge that our family will have an active and ongoing church life.
 - d. Discipline.** Upon acceptance to Trinity, we hereby give permission for our student's teacher and/or other agents of Trinity to determine and enforce classroom regulations in a manner consistent with Christian principles of discipline. We will continue to uphold the authority of the teachers and staff at Trinity by recognizing their right to use disciplinary strategies they deem necessary (as approved by the Board and set forth in the Student Handbook), and will cooperate fully in this regard.
 - e. Overall Participation.** We recognize that Trinity strives to meet the needs of the total child and compliment our parental role as the primary educators of our child. This can only be accomplished when we, the parents, are involved in our child's formal education from the beginning, including participation in the activities of Trinity. Accordingly, we agree to work with the faculty and administration and become involved with our child's overall development by:
 - i. Attending every parent meeting (child care provided);
 - ii. Attending scheduled parent/teacher conferences;
 - iii. Actively participating in those events sponsored by Trinity;
 - iv. Actively supporting PTM;
 - v. Fully participating in fundraisers and fully meeting fundraising commitments;
 - vi. Meeting volunteer hours as required and serving with a good attitude;
 - vii. Paying tuition and fees for services rendered through Trinity's educational program in a timely manner;
 - viii. Responding to communications from Trinity in a timely manner;
 - ix. Reading the Trinity weekly communications via email to stay in touch with Trinity and be aware of school activities.

f. Required Volunteer Hours. It is Trinity's belief that children excel when their parents are involved in their lives. Trinity also believes that the school environment is an extension of the home and having parents visibly and actively involved creates a unified and consistent environment for the child to thrive and for proper Christian character to be developed. Moreover, from a financial perspective, the level of excellence Trinity obtains could not exist if it were not for the volunteer ministry from parents who serve Trinity in many necessary ways. We acknowledge these Trinity beliefs and agree to volunteer a minimum of 20 service hours per student per year, with a maximum of 60 hours for multiple students. We understand that these mandatory volunteer hours must be met before grades are issued and re-enrollment is contingent upon fulfillment of all obligations. (Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for additional details on completion of these Volunteer Hours.)

g. Tuition/Financial Obligations. We hereby acknowledge the current tuition rates and make our promise to pay tuition in accordance with the tuition payment plan we indicate on the Registration Form. Furthermore, we promise to pay all other financial obligations and agree to pay them in full before grades are issued. We also acknowledge that re-enrollment is contingent upon fulfillment of all obligations.

h. Fundraisers. Trinity is funded solely by private funds and does not receive any public funding. In order for Trinity to maintain a level of excellence and keep tuition affordable, we recognize that Trinity must conduct fundraisers. Rather than conduct monthly fundraisers for "nickels and dimes" and in an effort to avoid inundating families with several fundraisers, Trinity has chosen to hold only three mandatory annual fundraisers which currently are as follows: (1) a Walkathon; (2) a Benefit Dinner; and, (3) Scrip rebate program with retailers. We realize every student's education is the same cost and every family, therefore, is required to equally and fully participate in gaining these supplemental funds for Trinity. We hereby agree to abide by the fundraising requirements as set out by the Board each year.

2. WITHDRAWAL/DISMISSAL. If we find that we cannot accept the disciplinary, participation or academic standards of Trinity or if our child fails to meet the minimum academic and/or behavioral requirements, we may withdraw our student or face possible dismissal in accordance with the Student/Parent Handbook. If we withdraw our child or a Trinity dismissal occurs, tuition and fees will not be refunded after the first six weeks of school. We understand that the only exception to this rule is for a family who must move out of the school area. In these events only, a prorated tuition refund will be made within 30 days of removal from Trinity. **We also understand that our child may be refused re-enrollment for a new academic year if we do not fully comply with the terms of this Parental Agreement.**

3. UNITY. As Christians, we are called to be in unity with one another (see attached Statement of Belief). Unity at Trinity is the biblical vision of unity. As stated in Ephesians 4, "[As believers,] speaking truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and *builds itself up in love*, as each part does its work." To bring glory to God and for the welfare of our child at Trinity, we believe and agree to the following:

- a.** to uphold and maintain the fundamental unity of Trinity with the home by conducting ourselves in all situations with a Christ-like attitude;
- b.** to not create divisiveness at Trinity;
- c.** to work supportively with the School Board, faculty and staff in maintaining Christian standards, policies and procedures;
- d.** to support the unity of the school with the home by being actively involved in school affairs, fundraisers and functions, including the Parent Teacher Ministry.

4. CONFLICT RESOLUTION. In accordance with the Trinity Statement of Belief and the Student/Parent Handbook, which is based on solid biblical principles, we know we are to bring glory to God in all we do. We agree that if a disagreement or conflict arises with Trinity, we submit to the principles of the bible as detailed in Matthew 18. Generally, when any type of conflict arises, we agree to adhere to the following process:

- a.** First, pray about it;
- b.** Second, arrange a time to meet face-to-face and privately discuss the problem with the individual(s) directly involved;
- c.** Third, during the meeting, discuss the matter in a respectful and calm manner with a goal of reconciliation;
- d.** Fourth, if reconciliation has not been achieved, arrange a meeting with the next chain of command level; teacher/staff, administration, school board.

We agree at NO time during a conflict at Trinity shall we do the following:

- Gossip about the problem or slander a person;
- Discuss details of the problem while arranging the meeting;
- Harbor bitterness; and
- Make the matter public by speaking in front of others, including our child(ren) and other students.

We understand enforcement of this section may require a meeting with Administration, teachers and/or other parents. We agree to cooperate in determining whether we have violated this Conflict Resolution section. Consequences for not handling conflicts as stated above are at the discretion of Administration and the Board and may include probation, suspension or dismissal.

After having read this Parental Agreement, and after having become familiar with my role in relation to my child's education, my participation in school activities, conflict resolution principles and my financial obligations, **I HEREBY AGREE TO SUPPORT AND FULFILL ALL RESPONSIBILITIES.** I further accept the conditions and requirements of all other official policies and procedures of Trinity Christian School and the payment of all fees and charges according to the published schedules of the school.

SIGNATURE OF BOTH PARENTS (IF APPLICABLE) IS REQUIRED:

Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

*After reading and signing, please return to the Trinity Director of Admissions along with your signed Statement of Purpose and Belief. (Please note this is an enrollment and re-enrollment requirement).