



SCHOLARS ACADEMY ACADEMIC / BEHAVIOR CONTRACT 2014 - 2015

As parents and students in the Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy, we agree to the following Academic / Behavior Contract:

Expectations of Scholars:

Academic Rigor:

- Scholars Academy supports rigorous academic work and standards.
- A scholar is a learned person who does not merely study for a test but strives for mastery of knowledge.
- We have a goal of continually increasing the numbers of designated AP Scholars. For the 2013-2014 school year our school had a total of 53 designated: including 26 AP Scholar, 14 AP Scholar with Honors, 12 AP Scholar with Distinction, and 1 AP National Scholar.

Academic Honesty:

- Scholars Academy stresses academic honesty and will uphold high standards in this area.
- Students are expected to produce creative and original work. Adhering to citation guidelines is necessary to avoid plagiarism, stealing another person's ideas.
- Teachers, students, and parents agree to report known infractions for which the staff of Scholars Academy will take proper action.

Behavior:

- All students are expected to abide by the rules and regulations already set down in the handbooks for MacIntyre Park Middle School and Thomasville High School.
- **The most frequent issues involve attendance, dress code, and cell phone violations; these offenses directly impact instructional time.**
- Because addressing each issue involves more than just the student in violation of the rules, parents need to be supportive of policies set forth for the benefit of every student.

Consequences of Violations:

Academic Probation:

- A student will be placed on academic probation (and will remain on probation) if the student's semester average is below an 80.
- If the student achieves an average of 80 or above the following term, the student will be removed from probation.
- If required average is not met, the student will be referred to the Academic Review Committee which will determine whether or not to dismiss the student from Scholars Academy.

Academic Dismissal:

- Any final, failing grade at the end of the year will result in dismissal from Scholars Academy.
- Continued occurrences of academic dishonesty will result in dismissal from Scholars Academy.
- The Academic Committee votes for dismissal, due to failure of correcting academic probation.

Behavioral Detention:

- First, the teacher will verbally address the minor misbehavior with the student.
- Second, the teacher will notify the parent of the continuing minor offense.
- Third, the teacher will assign detention for continuing the minor infraction.

Behavioral Referral:

- If the student continues to display the same minor offense, the teacher will send a referral to administration.
- If the misbehavior is a major offense, the teacher will send a referral to administration.

In-School Suspension (ISS):

- Administration assigns the length of time served in ISS as outlined in the handbooks of MacIntyre Park and Thomasville High.
- Although students are physically removed from the regular school setting during ISS, the ISS program allows students to make up missed work.
- Students who have been assigned ISS will not be allowed, during the period of suspension, to participate in any extra-curricular activities or to attend any school sponsored events.
- Middle school students will serve In-School Suspension at MacIntyre Park Middle School.
- High school students will serve In-School Suspension at Thomasville High School.

Out of School Suspension (OSS):

- Administration assigns the length of time served in OSS as outlined in the handbooks of MacIntyre Park and Thomasville High.
- Students who have been suspended from school will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities, attend any school-sponsored events, or be on any Thomasville City Schools property during the period of suspension.

Behavioral Dismissal/Expulsion:

- Three referrals to the administrative office in any year will result in the student's appearance before the Scholars Academy's Discipline Committee.
- Determinations from the committee will result in the formation of an individual student behavior contract or dismissal from Scholars Academy.
- Parents and students may appeal dismissal.

Please sign and return the Academic / Behavior Contract and keep this sheet for your own personal records.



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2014 - 2015**

As parents and students in the Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy, we have read and understood, and agreed to adhere to the Academic / Behavior Contract:

STUDENT: PRINT NAME

STUDENT: SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT: PRINT NAME

PARENT: SIGNATURE

DATE