

Kelliher School-Within-a-School Contract

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

August 2011

Student Name _____

SWAS meets Monday-Friday on regularly-scheduled school days. Class will begin at 8:25 am, and end at 12:45 p.m. SWAS students must attend school on a regular basis. Unexcused absences or tardies may result in students being dropped from the program. Additionally, even students who consistently have excused absences or tardies may be dropped from the program if they are deemed to be not making adequate progress towards graduation.

The School Within A School Program is unique in that it offers students an opportunity to learn in a more individualized setting. Due to the reduced amount of student contact time, the school sets requirements that will go above and beyond those of the Kelliher Student Handbook. Periods one through 4 will be spent with different teachers on project-based learning. Students will take Kelliher School curricular courses and/or online courses based on their needs and abilities. All of the above courses will meet state standards necessary for graduation. Teachers will expect students to be on task on their daily work. **Students must work the entire 4 periods. If students cannot stay on task, they will be given only one warning. Additionally, they may be moved to a more isolated setting. Students who refuse to cooperate respectfully will be sent to the office at which time parents will be notified and students will be sent home. Students will have to make up that time by staying for a full day sometime during the next week as can be arranged with their teachers and employers.**

Students must have a work-experience approved job and work at least 10 hours a week. Kelliher School will try to assist students in finding work, but it is not the school's responsibility. Students who work will receive credit for that job as if it were a class. If students are dismissed or quit a job during the school year, they will have only one week to find work experience approved work or they will no longer be able to remain in SWAS. Unless it is the 1st week of semester one or two, students will not be allowed to join general education classes at Kelliher School. Instead, students will be referred to Bemidji ALC.

Students in SWAS must leave Kelliher School at 12:45 p.m. every day with no exceptions. They may come back for assemblies, practices and pep fests. If students do not have their own transportation, they may walk to work in town, but must make sure they are dressed appropriately during the winter months. Once they leave the building at 12:45 p.m. , they are no longer the school's responsibility. Parents should plan ahead with students.

Upon necessary credit completion (see handbook), SWAS students will be allowed to participate in Kelliher School graduation. Also, as long as they are making adequate progress (see handbook) students will also be allowed to participate in the senior class trip.

I have read, understand and agree to the above terms of the SWAS program.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Dean of Students' Signature

SWAS Coordinator Signature