

Maryvale Preparatory Academy

Commitment to Excellence



Student _____ Grade _____

Teachers' Commitment

- **High Expectations:** We will maintain high academic and behavioral expectations for all of our students in order to ensure their success. In addition, we will support the school in holding our students to the high expectations outlined in this Commitment to Excellence, and we will not make decisions that would cause our students to violate one of these expectations.
- **Data-Driven Instruction:** We will plan and execute effective lessons every day and utilize data to ensure we are strategically helping our students maximize their learning.
- **Collaboration:** We will collaborate with our fellow teachers, support staff, and the school leadership to ensure we are meeting the needs of each individual student and providing a cohesive liberal arts program.
- **Meaningful Homework:** We will assign meaningful homework each school night in order to help students properly prepare for the next day of learning.
- **Ongoing Assessment:** We will continually update our grading system to provide teachers, administrators, and parents with the most up-to-date assessment of student progress.
- **Tutoring:** We will provide tutoring before school every day and any additional intensive instruction for students who are not meeting our academic standards.
- **Student Evaluations:** We will write thorough, data-filled, narrative evaluations at the conclusion of each quarter and semester in order to equip parents with a comprehensive summary of their child's achievements and areas for improvement.
- **Celebration and Fun:** We will work to celebrate and recognize students who are doing the right thing. We will make our classes engaging and make sure that our classrooms and the school are safe, rigorous, and fun.
- **Communication:** We will communicate regularly with our students' parents regarding our students' academic and behavioral successes and challenges and return parent phone calls and emails within one school day.
- **Scheduled, "Same-Page-First" Conversations:** We will work to schedule parent meetings at times convenient for parents. We will also commit to ironing out differences with parents in private (without the student present) so that we can present a united front to the student.
- **Student Protection:** We will always protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom.
- **Intellectual Pursuit:** We will continue to advance our own learning in order to properly model a lifelong pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

HEADMASTER SIGNATURE

Parents' / Guardians' Commitment

- **Attendance:** We will ensure that our child is on time for class every day, except when illness or family emergency has prevented us from doing so. We understand that daily attendance is key to our child's success and that excessive absences (10 or more in a semester) can lead to students being required to repeat a grade.
- **School Hours:** We will ensure that our child is at school no earlier than 7:00 a.m. each morning and leaves campus no later than 5:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. on Early Release Days). We understand that Maryvale Prep will work to establish afterschool care options but cannot guarantee that these will be in place. We will communicate in writing if our child has permission to walk to and from campus.
- **Uniform:** We will ensure that our child comes to school each day in the Maryvale Prep uniform and in full adherence to the dress code outlined in the Family Handbook.
- **Supporting Student Expectations:** We will support the school in holding our child to the high expectations outlined in this Commitment to Excellence, and we will not make decisions that would cause our child to violate one of these expectations.
- **Handbook Compliance:** We will ensure that our child follows the academy's rules, procedures, and policies found in the Maryvale Prep Family Handbook so as to protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom.
- **Discipline Support:** We will support the discipline process utilized by the school leadership, including the administration of detentions and suspensions. We will ensure that our child serves his or her consequence on the day and time scheduled and actively work with our child to correct the necessary behavior. We understand that the school administration has full discretion to implement any disciplinary measures they feel reasonably necessary to maintain school order and discipline, up to and including expulsion from Maryvale Preparatory Academy.

- **Academic Partners:** We will partner with Maryvale Prep in educating our child by engaging with our child regarding what he or she is learning, checking on his or her academic progress, communicating regularly with our child’s teachers, and scheduling meetings with teachers as necessary.
- **Homework:** We will provide a quiet, undisturbed time and space for our child to complete homework and check his or her homework daily to ensure that it is complete, accurate, and organized.
- **Make-Up Work:** We will support our child in promptly retrieving, completing, and turning in missed work following an absence in the timeframe established in each classroom.
- **Student Promotion:** We understand that Maryvale Prep weighs not just the academic ability and performance of students but also their social and developmental functioning in determining promotion to the next grade level. We understand that our child may be retained in the current grade if it is determined that it is in his or her best interest. In some cases, summer school may be required for promotion.
- **Respectful and Timely Communications:** We will return any phone call or email from the school within one school day, and we will also give the school one school day to return our phone calls or emails. In all communications, both written and verbal, we will speak respectfully with teachers and administrators. We understand that teachers and administrators will stop conversations that involve profanity, threats, or raised voices.
- **Meetings:** We will attend required meetings with the school regarding attendance, academic, or behavioral issues. In some cases, our child will not be allowed to continue attending classes until we meet with the school leadership.
- **Scheduled, “Same-Page-First” Conversations:** We will schedule all meetings with teachers and/or administrators in advance. We commit to ironing out differences with teachers and administrators in private (without the student present) so that we can present a united front to the students.
- **Required Events:** We will attend Meet the Teacher Night, Curriculum Night, and our individual parent-teacher conference (first week of January), as these three events are mandatory.
- **Time, Talent, Treasure:** We will actively support Maryvale Prep by the giving of our *Time*, *Talent*, and *Treasure*, with examples including:
 - *Time:* Attending schoolwide events, Parent Organization meetings, family socials, etc.
 - *Talent:* Volunteering at school events, assisting on Parent Organization committees, etc.
 - *Treasure:* Giving to Community Investment and Tax Credit drives, etc.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Student’s Commitment

- **Student Responsibility:** I will always work, think, and behave in a way that helps my fellow students and me learn. I understand that I am responsible for my own behavior and that failure to adhere to these commitments can cause me to lose various privileges deemed necessary by the school’s administration.
- **Core Virtues:** I will strive to embody and model the core virtues of Maryvale Prep —Citizenship, Courage, Friendship, Honesty, Humility, Integrity, Perseverance, Responsibility, and Wisdom—in word and deed each day.
- **Hard Work:** I will work extremely hard each day because I know that this is necessary in order for me to acquire the academic and character skills I need to succeed in college and life.
- **Participation:** I will actively participate in all of my classes each day, listen to my fellow classmates, and give everyone my respect.
- **Homework:** I will complete all of my homework and reading every night, study for each test, and work hard to make up all missed work.
- **Seeking Assistance:** I will seek assistance in class and in tutoring from my teacher and peers when I have a question about what we are learning.
- **Handbook Compliance:** I will follow the academy’s rules, procedures, and policies outlined in the Maryvale Prep Family Handbook so as to protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom.
- **Uniforms:** I will wear my uniform to school every day and adhere to the Maryvale Prep dress code.
- **Making Good on My Mistakes:** I will tell the truth after making a poor decision, accept responsibility for my actions, and work to make appropriate amends.

STUDENT SIGNATURE