



PARENT-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

IN ORDER TO SOLEMNIFY the desire of the undersigned parties to glorify the Lord with their obedience to Him and to promote a clear understanding of the duties and responsibilities of each party, the undersigned parties adopt the following agreement:

I, _____, for and in consideration of my child, _____, being admitted as a student at Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy, do hereby accept such admission and the duties and responsibilities entailed therein and agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement:

1. I subscribe without reservation to the Articles of Faith and the Standards of Conduct of Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church and agree that my family will abide by these doctrines in all aspects of our lives, both at and away from school ministries and functions. I am a member of _____ church, faithfully attending all public services and taking an active part in the total church program. I agree to be loyal to the pastor and the church programs in word and in deed. I agree to fulfill all duties and responsibilities of membership in the _____ church.
2. I understand and agree that the church and the school ministry of Somerset Bible Baptist Church are inseparable and that my child may be expelled from the school if either of us is out of fellowship with the church, as determined in the sole discretion of the pastor and the church leadership.
3. I have read and understand the Student Handbook and I agree with it completely. I agree that my child and I must abide by all the policies, rules and regulations of the school, including those listed in the Student Handbook, and I agree to support Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy with my conduct and my prayers.
4. I understand and agree that the education of my child will be guided by the instructors and other school officials. I agree that my purpose in obtaining a Christian education for my child will be achieved by following the curriculum set by the instructors. To that end, I agree that I will require my child to perform all duties and responsibilities entrusted to him by the instructors and school officials and will never attempt to undermine their authority. I understand and agree that during my child enrollment the courses offered and the instructors teaching them may change from time to time in the discretion of the school leadership.
5. I understand and agree that my child has no right to publish and distribute a student newsletter or any other publication. I understand and agree that Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church, has the right, in its sole discretion, to control what is published, circulated, or otherwise distributed at its school to its students or staff, and I will ensure that my child understands this provision.
6. I understand and agree that attending Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy is a privilege and the school reserves the right to suspend or expel my child from the school in accordance with its official policies as determined by the school. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Agreement does not bind either part to any specific period of enrollment. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon seven (7) days written notice. I understand that no rights or presumptions of continued enrollment are conferred or implied by this Agreement or by a number of consecutive Agreements. I further agree that no right to notice of renewal or non-renewal of the Agreement is conferred or implied.
7. I agree to pay all tuition and fees in a timely manner as set forth in Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy's Financial Information Statement. I understand that monthly tuition payments are due on the dates set forth by the Academy's Financial Institution. I further understand that if I fail to make a timely payment, my child may be withdrawn from school and I may be subject to late-payment fees and other costs, including any necessary costs of collection in accordance with school policy.



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8. As Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church is a Christian ministry organization, both parties agree that they would never make demands, threaten to sue, or actually litigate any matter whatsoever relating to or resulting from this Agreement. I understand that making demands, threatening to sue or actually litigating a matter against Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church clearly violates Biblical teaching and practice and shall constitute sufficient grounds for immediate withdrawal of all my children from enrollment at Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church. I understand that retaining or instructing an attorney to contact the ministry with regard to a potential claim or dispute will be interpreted as a threat to sue. Accordingly, the parties agree to resolve all potential claims, disputes or causes of action through binding arbitration using the procedures outlined in the attached procedures.

a. I agree to follow the Biblical pattern of Matthew 18:15-17 and Galatians 6:1 and always give a good report. All differences are to be resolved by utilizing Biblical principles – always presenting a united front.

b. The parties agree that the methods outlined in this section (8) shall be the sole remedies for any and all controversies or claims arising out of the enrollment relationship or this Agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit against one another in any civil court for such disputes, except to enforce a legally binding arbitration decision.

c. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Procedures for Arbitration adopted by Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church and agree to abide by the procedures outlined therein.

d. I agree to do everything in my power to avoid involving Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church in any legal proceedings which may take place or legal requests for documents or testimony of school officials concerning the custody and/or education and upbringing of my child. I understand that if, in spite of my and my attorney's best efforts, any school official is legally compelled to provide testimony or documentation beyond a copy of my child's standard academic records, that my child may be immediately disenrolled from Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy/Church and that my account may be charged for any and all expenses incurred in complying with such legal process.

9. The parties agree that there are no other agreements or understandings between them relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, between the parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the agreement of the parties. Neither this Agreement nor its execution have been induced by any reliance, representations, stipulations, warranties, agreements or understandings of any kind other than those expressed herein. If any provision of this agreement is found to be void or voidable, it shall not affect the validity of any other provision. Both parties shall remain bound by all other provisions.

10. I certify that I will explain this agreement and its meaning to my child. I will assist the school in every way necessary to ensure that my child abides by all the terms of this agreement.

11. I understand that this Agreement shall not take effect until fully executed by all parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed the Agreement on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

BY _____ BY _____ Mother Father

I understand this agreement and its content and agree to abide by its terms and all rules which apply to students.

BY _____ Student (7th Grade and Above)

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

BY _____ Principal/School Administrator