**KNOVA LEARNING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Student-Parent-School Covenant**

**2011-2012**

The KNOVA Learning Public Charter School’s mission is to prepare all students for competitive colleges, advanced careers and a life of citizenry and leadership in their communities. We will only be successful in achieving this mission if we have a committed partnership with our families and students. This Covenant sets forth the promise that each participant in the educational process – the Student, the Parent or Guardian and the Teacher – must make for the school to achieve its mission.

As a Student, Parent or Teacher at the KNOVA Learning Public Charter School, I promise to uphold the following responsibilities so that I can be a member of this unique learning community:

**Student Obligations**

1. Follow school wide rules being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Hardworking
2. Respect for self, classmates, teachers and all school staff
3. Clean personal habits, including a tidy uniform and respect for school property
4. Behaviors befitting a young leader (eye contact, firm hand shake, clear speech)
5. Absolutely no bullying, cursing, fighting, weapons, drugs or gang activity
6. Hardworking, trying your best at all times
7. Ready to learn every day
8. Honest
9. At school and on time every day
10. Attitude of service to others, whether in school, at home or in the community
11. Determined to succeed

**Parent Obligations**

1. Current contact information on record with the school office at all times
2. Nutritional breakfast and dinner for students every day (breakfast is served at the school at 7:15 a.m.)
3. Responsible for transportation to and from school every day
4. Ensure the safety of all students during daily drop-off and pick-up (coordinate with school staff as necessary)
5. Support student’s attendance for all 200 days in the school year
6. No more than 10 tardies or absences each year
7. Participate in the parent organization of the school, or volunteer supporting the school from home or school whenever possible (attend meetings, part of communication network)
8. Regularly contact leaders of the parent organization on all school-related matters (including transportation, uniforms, volunteerism and extracurricular activities)
9. Review report cards and assignments indicating parent review
10. Check traveling folder daily
11. Make sure students have clean, tidy uniforms with slacks, polo shirt, belt and good shoes
12. Timely attendance at parent-teacher-student conferences twice a year
13. Timely pick up of your student every day (on site childcare is not provided after 4:45 p.m.)
14. Immediate communication within 2-5 days when a concern or complaint with the school arises
15. Direct communication with the source of the concern, whether a teacher or a staff member
16. Timely responses to school-initiated calls to the home
17. A commitment to respecting the school atmosphere and peaceful conflict resolution
18. No tolerance for student possession of weapons, drugs, alcohol or other prohibited items
19. Support for school-wide discipline policy

**School Obligations**

1. Free uniform shirts for all students issued at the start of every school year (2 for new 1 for returning students)
2. Assistance with transportation to the best of our ability
3. High priority attention to family needs, preferences and concerns
4. A commitment to high parent satisfaction and demand levels
5. Polite, timely responses to main office inquiries
6. Nutritional snacks, lunch and breakfast program (breakfast from 7:05-7:30)
7. Ongoing teacher outreach & coordination around timing of student drop-off (7:05-7:30 am) and pick-up (4:30)
8. Daily staffing and traffic flow management to ensure the continuous safety of all children during drop-off and pick-up periods
9. A 200-day calendar year – at least 20 days longer than surrounding public schools
10. Timely calls or written notices each time that a student registers absence
11. Attendance at all meetings of the parent organization by a designated school representative
12. Periodic written updates on student progress, behavior and achievement, including report cards
13. A safe, clean, fun environment for learning
14. Access to caring adults and highly skilled teachers
15. Two parent-teacher-student conferences each year
16. Immediate call or written notice when student disciplinary infraction occurs
17. Access to teachers, including a telephone number with a voice mail and timely response on calls
18. A commitment to peaceful conflict resolution
19. No tolerance for student possession of weapons, drugs, alcohol or other prohibited items
20. Consistent, compassionate implementation of school-wide discipline policy and positive behavior plan

**I hereby commit myself unconditionally to working with the staff of the KNOVA Learning Public Charter School to meet all of the obligations set forth in the Student-Parent-Teacher Covenant.**

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Parent or Guardian Signature Printed Name

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Parent Signature or Guardian Printed Name

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Teacher & Primary Contact Signature Printed Name

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Co-Teacher Signature Printed Name