

CONTRACT OF EXPECTATIONS

Uncharted Shores Academy believes that education is a privilege. Students who choose to participate in the Onshore or Shores Academy options are expected to take full advantage of the classes offered by exhibiting, through their attendance and attentiveness, a willingness and readiness to learn. If work is habitually not completed appropriately and productively students may not be able to progress to the next grade level. With this in mind, the following expectations need to be met in order for a student to continue with USA onshore program:

1. **ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY:** Attend the site-based classes on a regular basis, arriving on time and staying for the duration of the class time. (Many of the assignments are not suitable to be completed adequately at home because of our thematic, hands-on teaching methods.)
2. **RESPECT:** Be respectful of yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and the learning environment so that lessons can be presented without disruption and each student has the opportunity to learn. Do your share to take care of our school and all materials and supplies.
3. **EFFORT & ATTITUDE:** Use your time in- class appropriately, productively and respectfully. Take responsibility for your own learning and behavior. Complete all homework and class lessons assigned by all teachers in a timely manner and in the manner in which the teacher indicates it should be done. Do your best; learn something new every day.
4. **COMPUTER AGREEMENT:** At Uncharted Shores Academy, students use the computer for online research and educational lessons as well as for typing of essays and reports. Appropriate internet controls have been put in place by USA, but students must follow responsible internet use as well. The following legal and acceptable practices are expected of students using computer and the internet at USA:
 - Students will provide appropriate documentation of the sources used for information in student essays to prevent plagiarism of information
 - Students will access only topics or sites approved by the teacher
 - Students will refrain from playing games which have not been assigned by the teacher during the student's time at the computer station
 - Students will play only approved games and access approved sites during student free time on the computer (such as before or after school classes)
 - Students will obey all computer regulations implemented by USA staff

Students who exhibit irresponsible and/or inappropriate use of the computer will be restricted from the use of the computer at school. USA requests that parents also support these computer policies by restricting the student's use of the computer at home when they have been notified of inappropriate student computer use by their child at school.

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The general policy of computer restriction followed at USA involves restricting students from the use of the computer for the rest of the day following the first infraction, restriction of computer use for a week following the second infraction, and restriction of student use for the rest of the term following the third infraction. Parents will be notified of each infraction of computer regulations exhibited by their child and the resulting consequence.

5. SCHOOL RESTRICTIONS:

NO Cell Phones, I-Pods, and other Electronic Devices at school! Unless otherwise approved by a school authority, students who bring electronic devices to school will have them confiscated and the device will only be returned to a parent.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THIS POLICY

1. If, as a parent, you wish your child to have a cell phone for after school contact, you **MUST** sign a request explaining that he/she will need the phone after school (a form is available in the office).
2. The student **MUST** relinquish the phone to the office secretary upon arrival at school, and pick up the phone when the student is ready to leave campus for the day.
3. Electronic devices which are found on the student will be confiscated, and will only be returned to the parent. If it is an ongoing event, the phone will be kept for the rest of the year.
4. Earplugs used for accessing music via the internet while at the computer station will also **NOT BE ALLOWED**, nor any other kind of electronic device which has not been cleared with the administration.

NO candy, soda, energy drinks, or caffeinated food/drink items will be allowed at school, and all such items will be confiscated. Students must not bring candy to school, even for lunch. Drinks for lunch must be limited to milk and juice. Dessert items should be limited to special occasions. Teachers are also requested to limit their student treats.

Failure to meet these expectations will result in initiation of the discipline policy steps, ultimately resulting in referral to another educational institution better suited to the needs of the student if infractions are frequent and continual.

The following signatures indicate agreement with these policies. This agreement indicates that parents have discussed these policies with their child and are agreeing to support of these policies.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____