



DREAMS Parent Contract

21st Century Community Learning Center

(Please read carefully and sign.)



The **DREAMS Program** offers more than a free and safe after school and/or summer center for you and your children. Our activities are designed to help improve your child's academic performance in reading and math and to help him/her develop the leadership and team building skills he/she will need to be a good community leader/member in the future. To ensure the success of this program, we are asking the parents to sign and adhere to this written agreement. Here are only a few reasons why a contract has become necessary:

- The staff at each site spends many hours before and after regular program hours planning/preparing and making sure that the activities your child participates in are both fun and educational.
- The elementary site, especially, has a number of children on a Waiting List who cannot get into the program because it has the maximum number of children registered. Yet, many of those who are registered do not attend regularly, they drop in and out whenever they want, or they leave too early to benefit from any of the learning activities.
- All the sites are funded by the 21st Century Grant. As a requirement of the grant, we file an annual report to show the impact (if any) our learning program is having on the academic achievement of each child enrolled in DREAMS. We cannot get a true measure if attendance and/or participation are not considered.

Please be advised that this contract is a written agreement between you and DREAMS. Failure to comply with the terms of this agreement may result in the dismissal of your child from the after school or summer programs.

BY MY SIGNATURE, I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:

AFTER SCHOOL:

1. My child will attend the after school program weekly, a minimum of four (4) days per week, with due consideration for extenuating circumstances. If my child is absent more than 10 days in a semester, he/she will be dropped from the program, and another child will take his/her spot.
2. My child will not be signed out before learning activity or homework help time is complete. Academic time is from 3:30 PM to 5:15 PM. Due consideration will be given for extenuating circumstances.

SUMMER:

1. My child will not be absent more than a total of five (5) days, including a planned vacation during summer program, with due consideration for extenuating circumstances.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. For my child's safety, I will call the site to report all absences.
2. I will attend at least three (3) Parent Involvement activities yearly.
3. I will volunteer at least three (3) times during the year with the following activities (*circle the activities with which you can help*):
 - *Volunteer my time and/or talent to lead or help with a learning activity.
 - *Accompany the students and staff on a field trip.
 - *Help with one or more of the scheduled DREAMS scheduled Parent/Student activities during the year.

SIGNED: _____ PARENT OF: _____

GRADE/CLASS: _____ DATE: _____