

## Commitment to Excellence

### Teachers' Commitment

We fully commit to Excellence in Education in the following ways:

- We believe that all students can learn. We refuse to give up on them. If our students are safe and help us to create a positive learning environment, and come to school each day, we can help them graduate.
- We will maintain contact with parents regarding student progress and needs.
- We will always protect the safety, interests, and rights of ALL individuals in the classroom.
- We will attend staff meetings and trainings that have been scheduled.

### Parent's/Guardian's Commitment

We fully commit to Excellence in Education in the following ways:

- We will make sure the school has parental or guardian contact information, and correct phone numbers, so that they can contact us immediately at any time.
- We will make sure our son/daughter fully participates in school each day.
- Except in cases of medical or family emergency, we will ensure that our son/daughter attends 95% of the time or more. Physician, dentists and all other appointments will be scheduled around my students' schedule as much as possible. If my son/daughter is going to be unable to attend school, we will call and notify the office.
- We will always make ourselves available to our son/daughter and the school, and address any concerns they might have.
- We will make sure our son/daughter follows the school dress code, conduct and compliance policies and other rules that protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom.

### Students' Commitment

I fully commit to Excellence in Education in the following ways:

- I will fully participate in my education each day.
- I will always work, think, and behave in the best way I know how, and will do whatever it takes for my fellow students and me to learn.
- I will always behave so as to protect the safety, interests and rights of all individuals in the classroom. This means that I will listen to my classmates and give everyone respect.
- I will follow the school dress code, conduct, and compliance policy.
- **I am responsible for my own behavior, and will follow instructions given to me by teachers, faculty, and staff.**

Educational Options sets high academic standards. To foster the right atmosphere for quality learning, students must follow all school policies and rules. **NO STUDENT** has the right to take away the learning environment from other students. All students have the right to learn and teachers have the right to teach. We believe that students must take responsibility for their behavior and be respectful of each other and the staff of the school.

A student can forfeit his/her right to a free public education. Expulsion is for continued disruptive behavior, or for violent or dangerous behavior. (A.R.S. 15-841.B.)

**REMINDER: We will not tolerate student physical assault or verbal aggression. We will not tolerate the distribution of dangerous substances.** After a very brief process, such students may either be withdrawn or expelled.

## **POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, RETALIATION, AND HARASSMENT**

In keeping with the strong policy of the Governing Board of Valley Preparatory Academy against discrimination based on race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, and physical or mental disability, the Board finds that such discrimination is contrary to the principles upon which the charter school is based and directs that acts of discrimination, retaliation, or harassment based on race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, and physical or mental disability are strictly forbidden. Discipline up to expulsion for students and dismissal for employees may be applied for violation of this policy.

Persons believing that they have been victims of discrimination, retaliation or harassment shall have the right to file a complaint of such action with the principal or site administrator.

### **Enrollment**

Valley Preparatory Academy will accept students in grades 9-12 who have an interest in pursuing high school graduation. Prior to acceptance at VPA, all students must:

- Be ready to succeed in academic classes.
- Have a resolve to carry on to post-secondary education.
- Be free of disciplinary or behavioral problems that may disrupt the work of VPA.
- Be prepared to begin at a course level in accordance to your placement test (all students are accepted at VPA, but some students will need classes to improve basic reading and mathematics skills if below 9<sup>th</sup> Grade levels. VPA does not give mathematics credits for fundamental mathematics or pre-algebra, as these courses are not high school level.)

Valley Preparatory Academy welcomes students in grades 9-12 of any race, color, sex, religion, nationality or ethnic origin.

### **Age Requirements**

VPA requires all students to be between the ages of 14 - 21. Students who are over 20 years of age wishing to enroll must be at or near completion of their senior credits.

### **Immunizations**

Medical records showing dates of immunizations must be completed and on file for each student. The parent or guardian of minor students must also complete an emergency card. No student shall be admitted without the proper proof of immunization.

State regulations require that a child may not continue to be enrolled if health forms are not on file. A record of current immunizations before a child attends school. (Exemption from Immunizations forms are available for families that deny immunizations for religious or health reasons; however parents are notified that such students may be asked to stay home if certain illnesses are evident at school). Please be aware that the state law authorizes the suspension of students who are not in compliance with immunization requirements.