

# SELS Commitment to Excellence



## Student's Commitment

I fully commit to SELS in the following ways:

- I will arrive to school on time and will know what I am doing after school
- I will always strive to attain the SIERRA norms and habits of work (HOWs)
  - I will be respectful and show integrity in all my actions
  - I will be responsible for my actions, both academically and socially, doing my best always and showing empathy when needed
  - I will complete all my homework in a timely manner
  - I will ask questions of and/or contact the teacher when I do not understand the assignments
  - I will take personal and academic risks and persevere when something is difficult
  - I will make myself available to staff to address any concerns and will always tell the truth
- I will be a superb crew member, showing crewmates respect, listening to their ideas, not interrupting them, treating them safely and with respect, and making sure my actions do not hinder their learning
- I will attend and participate in crew events, presentations, and fieldwork even if it means occasionally missing sports or other personal activities
- I will follow the SELS dress code
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own behaviors

\*\* Failure to adhere to these commitments may result in Office Referrals, loss of specific SELS privileges, and possible disciplinary actions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent's / Guardian's Commitment

We fully commit to SELS in the following ways:

- We/I will make sure our child arrives to school on time, remains at school during hours, and has arrangements for after school transportation; if picking up, we/I will be on-time
- We/I understand the importance of our child being at school everyday, and will make our best efforts to ensure this happens; when our child must be absent, we will be responsible for contacting the teacher for Independent Study
- We/I will always support our child's education and check in our his/her homework every evening
- We/I will always make ourselves available to our children and the school, and address any concerns/questions through the proper channels (teacher, administration, possibly counselor)
- We/I will participate in SELS traditions and structures, like Goal-setting Conferences, Celebrations of Learning, and Passages
- We/I will strive to support SELS programming by helping on fieldwork, with student learning, with classroom preparation, and/or with other school needs, such as committees, fundraising, and events
- To the best of our/my ability, we/I will assure our child attends and participates in crew events, presentations, and fieldwork even if it means he/she occasionally misses sports or other personal activities
- To the best of our/my ability, we/I will not schedule family vacations during critical school times: fieldwork (Sept-Oct; May-June); Celebrations of Learning (mid Dec, mid June); STAR testing (early May); Passages (mid June)
- We/I will make sure our child follows the SELS dress code
- We/I understand that our child must follow the SELS SIERRA norms and HOWs to ensure the safety, interests, and rightful access to learning. We/I, not the school, are responsible for the behavior and actions of our child

\*\* Failure to adhere to these commitments may result in my child's loss of specific SELS privileges and possible disciplinary actions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Teacher's Commitment

I fully commit to SELS in the following ways:

- I will always strive to ensure all students are afforded the best possible learning environment
- I am committed to teaching to the best of my abilities, and to continuing my education as a professional
- I will always strive to develop engaging, relevant, and inspiring curriculum, and to teach that curriculum using the most effective strategies
- I will always protect the emotional and physical safety, the interests, and the rights of my students
- I will always communicate clearly with students and families, and make myself available to discuss any questions/concerns

\*\* Failure to adhere to these commitments may result in disciplinary actions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_