



## Berean Academy Parent Agreement Form

All Academy parents/guardians must read the *Parent/Student Handbook* and agree to support the rules and procedures therein. By signing this form, you are agreeing to read the *Parent/Student Handbook* in its entirety by the end of your child's first week of classes at the Academy.

Summaries of three critical policies are listed below. Please verify that you have read these overviews by signing the bottom of the sheet.

### **Attendance**

After 30 days absent from a class, credit will not be given for that class. Affected elementary or secondary students will be required to take summer school courses to fulfill credit requirements.

Classes missed due to unexcused early dismissals or unexcused late arrivals will receive a zero for a daily grade for those classes missed. A student will be considered absent when he/she has missed more than half of the class period. Please get pre-excused forms for doctor's appointments or necessary early dismissals. Please send a note with your child stating the reason for an absence. Note the handbook for excused criteria.

### **Discipline**

The discipline plan for secondary students includes a demerit system. The purpose of issuing demerits is to communicate students' behavior to their parents. Students may receive 2 to 10 demerits depending on the nature of their misbehavior. Specific consequences occur when students receive a total of 20, 35, and 45 demerits up to suspension or expulsion from The Academy. See the *Parent/Student Handbook* for details.

Students may reduce their demerit totals at the rate of two per week when they complete a week without receiving additional demerits. This privilege is not available to students who accumulate more than 20 demerits in a semester.

### **Child Abuse Policy**

Berean Academy faculty and staff members are considered "mandatory reporters" of suspected child abuse by the state and will abide by the following guidelines:

1. Faculty and staff members will document suspected child abuse and report it to the administration.
2. The administration and the child's teacher, along with input from the pastor, will attempt to determine the validity of the teacher's observation.
3. School personnel will discuss the situation with the child involved to seek clarification.
4. If child abuse is suspected, the school will contact the Department of Human Services.

Names & Grades of Children Enrolled at Berean Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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