



Student Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print) _____

AACPS Virtual Academy Commitment Letter

The AACPS Virtual Academy offers an educational program and is an approved virtual school through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Instructional delivery is unique, as both synchronous and asynchronous student engagement with AACPS educators and other approved instructors is required. Participation in the AACPS Virtual Academy requires a full understanding of the enrollment commitment outlined below. AACPS is committed to supporting the success of ALL students, meeting their social emotional, physical, and academic needs while enrolled in our schools.

Student of the AACPS Virtual Academy

I Understand:

- The requirement for regular attendance and complete engagement in both synchronous and asynchronous virtual learning. Engagement includes using the computer camera so that I am fully visible to the instructor and classmates.
- Relationships and wellness are critical to the learning process. In the VA, activities and experiences are designed to address these essential features in the student schedules.
- I have the skills necessary to participate and succeed in the AACPS Virtual Academy:
 - *Technology skills, including web-based tool usage, document and file management, and appropriate digital citizenship qualities of online learners.*
 - *Independent skills, including the ability to prioritize assignments/course responsibilities, set short and long-term goals, utilize a planner or weekly schedule meet my goals.*
 - *Collaboration skills, including the willingness to demonstrate active listening and civil discourse skills, participate in groups actively with personal accountability, and serve as a responsible team member.*
- Every student deserves a safe, supportive, and orderly learning environment. Every student is responsible for making good choices to support themselves and others reaching their academic potential. Students are also responsible for actively contributing to the overall school community created within the AACPS Virtual Academy.
- In the AACPS Virtual Academy:
 - *Progress monitoring will be ongoing.*
 - *I must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA (C average) per semester with no failures or I will be required to enroll in my designated community school.*
- The goal of AACPS is for all students in the AACPS Virtual Academy to achieve academic success. To this end, a success plan or a probationary contract may be instituted to support academic standing or appropriate engagement/citizenship.
- I understand that if the probationary period is not successful, a return to the designated community school setting at the end of the semester or year may occur.

Parents/Guardians of a Student in the AACPS Virtual Academy

- I support my child's decision to attend the AACPS Virtual Academy and agree to support academic success.
- I understand that by signing this commitment letter with the Virtual Academy, we relinquish any status with a Magnet Program or any other Program of Choice.
- I understand Internet access is required daily in order to participate in the AACPS Virtual Academy schooling.
- I expect regular active engagement of my student(s) in each setting.
- I understand that regular attendance is expected, as course offerings are both synchronous and asynchronous and involve an assigned teacher/instructor.
- I understand that as an engaged parent/guardian and partner, it is necessary to check emails frequently to remain current on AACPS Virtual Academy information, notifications, and up-date by AACPS or the AACPS Virtual Academy.
- I understand that my student will not participate in instruction, clubs, activities nor athletics in their designated community school or any other AACPS school. All student engagement will be virtual.
- I approve the use of my child's name, comments, photographs, video image, or any combination thereof, in print and electronic media ventures by AACPS and the outside media, including websites and television stations. AACPS is not responsible for the content of outside media stories.
- I am aware that AACPS Programs of Choice, including the AACPS Virtual Academy, are demanding and rigorous. If my child is not successful in the program or fails to meet all requirements, a probationary protocol (for academics or citizenship) may be instituted. Continued violations will result in an exit meeting with the student's return to the designated community school.
- I am aware and acknowledge that my student must be physically present at a designated AACPS facility for all in-person State testing requirements. I commit to transporting my student into a school building for all required State assessments. I further understand the lack of participation in State testing will result in an immediate exit from the Virtual Academy.
- I agree my student has the skill set to be successful in the AACPS Virtual Academy.

Signatures:

By signing below, you are stating you have thoroughly read and agree to all terms and conditions of the agreement.

Student Signature

Student Name (Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Date