



## 2023-2024 Sarasota Academy of the Arts Parent/Guardian Contract

As a **parent/guardian of** \_\_\_\_\_ at Sarasota Academy of the Arts, I agree to the following commitments **whether on or off campus in all school sponsored locations:**

- **All students that attend SAA must demonstrate an interest in the performing and/or visual arts.** Students must be willing to “work hard” to achieve excellence in academics, whether core or electives, and the Arts Program.
- **I will read, review and follow the SAA Student Handbook and follow the procedures, policies, rules, and regulations set forth in the Sarasota County Student and family Handbook.** <http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/dop/handbook.aspx>
- **I will at all times support the SAA program, mission, Administration, Faculty and PTO.** I will adhere to SAA’s civility standards and support the stance on tolerance and acceptance of all people. I will refrain from any verbal and/or physical abuse, threats, hostile, disparaging remarks, or demanding attitude, including cyber and social media. I will not support, defend or excuse my student for this type of injurious behavior.
- **I will abide by and follow the traffic pickup/drop off procedures ensuring that my child is on time for school every morning and picked up from school in a timely manner.**
- **I understand that excessive absences, tardies, detentions or any suspension may result in my dismissal from Sarasota Academy of the Arts.** I will make arrangements to have my child taken home from school during the school day if I am asked to for illness or for disciplinary reasons. This includes making advance arrangements with a third party in the event that I cannot provide immediate pick up myself. Note: Emergency contact names and numbers must be supplied and numbers kept current. I understand that students are expected to be in school daily unless sick or absent because of a doctor/dentist appointment.
- **I will send my child to school dressed in appropriate school attire as stated in the Student Handbook.** Student dress code as follows:
  - ★ Practice good grooming habits.
  - ★ Shorts, skirts and skorts must be at least fingertip length. Pajamas, low cut tops, spaghetti straps, bare midriffs are strictly prohibited. Shirt straps must be at least the width of two fingers.
  - ★ Overly tight or low rider pants or shorts are not allowed. TORN JEANS above the knee requires colored tights underneath.
  - ★ Flat, closed toe and heel shoes are ONLY allowed, no slippers, slides, flip flops, clogs, boots, heeled and/or cros.
  - ★ Hats are only permitted during outside activity including lunch/recess/PE as a protection from the sun. No hoodies worn on head at any time.
  - ★ No facial piercing and no more than two pierced earrings in the ear. Small, stud earring only allowed. Spiked collars/chains/jewelry are not permitted. No tattoos, hennas or extreme writing/drawing on body with markers/pens.
  - ★ Sarasota Academy of the Arts shirt must be worn on all field trips.

- **I will go to the Main Office upon my arrival when I am a visitor.** I will present my driver's license and sign in at the front desk, and receive a visitor's badge through the Raptor System. All adults must be registered with the Volunteer Count program and approved prior to participating in any activity with students.
- I will not allow my child to bring any prohibited items to school as outlined in the Student Handbook. At any time during arrival, the school day, or dismissal, **cell phones must be turned off (not just silenced), must be off their body and put away in their bag.** Smartwatches may not be worn.
- **I will establish a Parent Portal account and keep all contact information up-to-date.** I will be cognizant to check my child's grades weekly and be available for conferences by request. I will ensure to supply current custody papers and updates as changes occur when applicable. Immediately notify the school office, in writing, of any changes of address and/or telephone number where you can be reached during the day. I understand this contact information is used as the MAIN FORM OF COMMUNICATION from SAA, sent via email and or text.
- **I will agree to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per school year for a two-parent household, and 5 hours per school year for single parent households.** As opportunities allow throughout the school year.
- **I will read my child's agenda book, school correspondence and/or school/teacher emails each week. I will check and read school emails, text, and paper information being sent home.**
- **I have read and agree with the contents of the Student Contract.** I realize that my child's continued enrollment in SAA rests upon the students abiding by the stated rules and regulations. If they fail to do this, I understand that we have been accorded Due Process by this instrument, and my child may be dismissed from SAA and returned to his/her districted school.
  - ★ Repeated violations of the parent contract
  - ★ Repeated serious violations of SAA Code of Student Conduct resulting in In-School or Out-of-School Suspensions.
  - ★ Reasonable interventions including conferences, behavior contracts, probation, Saturday School, etc. will be implemented prior to student recommendation for dismissal.
  - ★ All dismissal recommendations will be subject to the approval of the SAA Governing Board.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**