

# EAST LINK ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## IMMERSION PARENT / FAMILY PROGRAM COMMITMENT

(Complete One Form Per Child)

STUDENT NAME:

GRADE:

By enrolling my child at East Link Academy, I understand and agree to the following conditions of admission:

1. East Link Academy is a public charter school as defined by the South Carolina Charter Schools Act (S.C. Code Ann. §59-40-10, et seq.). The Charter Schools Act provides for, among other things, the operation of public schools so that teachers and parents have greater say in the management of the school and to exempt the school from some state regulations.
2. East Link Academy is governed by a Board of Directors and will operate as set forth in the charter and by-laws of East Link Academy. In accordance with Public Charter School legislation, the Board of Directors is elected by the parents and employees of the school. Each family receives one vote per student attending East Link Academy.
3. Acceptance is conditional upon promotion to the grade the student has been admitted to East Link Academy. If the student is not promoted to the grade for which they have been accepted, there may not be a space available for them in East Link Academy. Proof of promotion must be received by East Link Academy via records transfer prior to placement.
4. Furthermore,
  - ✓ I understand that East Link Academy is **rigorous and sets high expectations** in the areas of **academics and discipline**.
  - ✓ I understand that the school's philosophy requires **parental and student involvement** and I agree to be an active participant in my child's education.
  - ✓ I will be responsible for seeing that my child arrives on time each day. I will **strive for daily attendance** by my child. *Absenteeism by the student may result in a repeat grade or reporting to the appropriate authorities.*
  - ✓ I will see that my child **makes up his/her work assignments** when he/she is absent. I agree to abide by the terms relating to absences as defined by the East Link Academy charter and/or regulations.
  - ✓ I will attend **Parent-Teacher** educational meetings.
  - ✓ I will keep **current the information** on the student contact information. I will inform the school immediately of new phone numbers, addresses, and any changes in the student's situation.
  - ✓ I understand that as a parent, I need to **read with/to my child at home** for a minimum of 10-20 minutes daily. I understand that this is **in addition to other homework** my child might have assigned to him/her.
  - ✓ Realizing that maintaining class size is necessary for the success of all students in the immersion program, I will do my best **to keep my child enrolled in the school**.
  - ✓ I understand it is not unusual for children to experience fatigue, tears, and/or frustration while learning a second language. Knowing this, I will **not request removal from the program** for these reasons. **I will give positive reinforcement to my child and support teacher interventions.**
  - ✓ I understand that my child's classroom includes students of **all academic levels**. If my child is not achieving at my expected level, I will not ask for a change in class assignment because I assume the second language is inhibiting academic performance.
  - ✓ If my child is having trouble in learning, not responding to appropriate interventions, and found through formal evaluations to have a learning disability and **that the new language directly impacts his/her academic success**, I will do my best to work with the school to support my child with the proper learning environment for him/her.
  - ✓ I will support the school **to the best of my abilities** by becoming involved in school-related activities, fundraising, classroom and community support.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

ELA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, or immigrant status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle the nondiscrimination policies. For questions pertaining to Section 504 or Title IX contact Dana Hutto 864.775.1733.