



John B. Drake Elementary School

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John B. Drake 8th Grade Contract

I, _____, am a proud 8th grade student at John B. Drake Elementary School. I understand that my academic performance, attendance, and conduct are essential components of becoming one of the many students who excel academically and qualify to participate in graduation. To succeed, I must abide by the following guidelines and work in partnership with my school's administrators, teachers, classmates, and parents to establish a school and community climate that supports learning. I also acknowledge that to be an active participant in the graduation ceremony and activities associated with graduation, including but not limited to the 8th Grade ribbon pinning, field trip, luncheon, and graduation ceremony, I must do the following:

- Complete all assignments daily
- Be an active participant in each class each day
- Be respectful of yourself, classmates, school personnel, and school property
- Know and follow school rules and procedures
- Meet the promotion criteria for District-Wide Assessments in all areas
- Earn a final report card grade of "C" or better in all subjects, including Math, Science, Reading, Physical Education/Health, Art, Music, Social Studies, and Writing
- Maintain regular attendance, and not have more than NINE (9) days of unexcused absences
- Follow the school dress code policy
- Not have three or more after-school detentions for the quarter
- Not have one or more days of suspension for the quarter

PRIVILEGES/8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES:

- Spirit Week
- Ribbon Pinning Ceremony
- 8th Grade Trip (TBD)
- Luncheon
- Graduation Ceremony

Failure to meet academic or testing requirements established by Chicago Public Schools that result in summer school attendance would prohibit students' participation in Drake's graduation ceremony. However, students are offered a summer school graduation upon successful completion of the summer school program.

VIOLATING THE 8TH GRADE CONTRACT

All 8th-grade students start the year with the opportunity to attend all 8th-grade activities, including Ribbon Pinning/Passing the Torch, Luncheon, the 8th Grade Trip, and Graduation.

Students will lose one activity if they receive three or more after-school detentions OR 1 suspension PER QUARTER; however, all final decisions will be at the discretion of the principal.

Below is the order in which a student will lose privileges:

- 1st - Ribbon Pinning/Passing of the Torch
- 2nd - 8th Grade Trip
- 3rd - Luncheon
- 4th - Graduation

This method of earning 8th-grade activities throughout the school year allows the student to take ownership, work hard, and focus each quarter on specific goals for approximately 10-week increments. Parents can encourage their child(ren) to stay focused and abide by school rules and regulations to meet the quarterly expectations.

The 8th-grade team will meet quarterly to review and track each student's eligibility in accordance with the 8th-grade Contract. A list will be generated and posted each quarter for students to track their progress.

Detentions will be issued for the following reasons, but are not limited to this list:

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| *Physical Unwarranted contact | *Inappropriate touching of another student |
| *Roughhousing/making excessive noise | *Defiance/Noncompliance |
| *Running/making excessive noise | *Disrupting classroom/school activities |
| *Cheating on test | *Mocking the teacher/ Bullying Peers |
| *Sleeping/Inattentive/Off task | *Vulgar Language/Profanity |
| *Fighting/No Injuries | *Dress code Violation/Out of Uniform |
| *Leaving the classroom without permission | *Cutting class |

Participation in the graduation ceremony and other 8th Grade-related activities is a privilege, not a right.

I understand that if I choose not to participate in these activities or am unable to, I am still responsible for signing this contract and attending school daily.

Failure to sign and return this contract will result in exemption from the 8th-grade activities listed above. A copy of this contract will remain on file at John B. Drake Elementary School, and a copy will be sent home for reference.

Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

We thank you for your cooperation and support!