

The Parent's Commitment

Parents have primary responsibility for the care and oversight of their children. By enrolling their children at Ambleside, parents agree to a partnership with Ambleside's teachers and administration for the growth and development of their children and adherence to School principles and policies. It is only when parents, teachers, and administration work cooperatively that children are provided the relational support and accountability necessary to lift them above their "nature" to maturity. Thus, as an Ambleside parent, I make the following commitments:

To partner with Ambleside in fostering my child's academic and relational growth:

- By setting aside time each day for after school reading with my young child (family read aloud time or individual time).
- By supporting the development of my child's fundamental skills through practice work at home in math, spelling, reading, writing, etc.
- By reviewing the weekly assessments of my child's progress in math, spelling, and dictation.
- By supporting teachers in the cultivation of my child's habits of relationship to self, others, work, and thought.
- By promptly communicating with my child's teacher concerning any question of academic mastery or personal behavior.

To foster healthy relationships with teachers, administration, Board members, and other parents:

- By always assuming that my child's retelling of an incident is only part of the scenario and that I will not have the whole truth until I have spoken with an adult who was present.
- By faithfully following the "Ambleside Grievance Policy," as elaborated in the Ambleside School Policy Handbook. By not engaging in the discussion of grievances, whether with the school staff, a student or another parent without first completing the School's grievance policy.
- By encouraging my child to be inclusive in relationships with classmates, even those relationships that are more challenging and never excluding individual classmates from social events, such as birthday parties.
- By informing other parents, when my child is visiting their home, concerning my convictions regarding the amount of time, expectations of supervision, and nature of the content that I consider appropriate for my child when watching television, playing video games, accessing the internet, etc.
- By avoiding activities that would directly or indirectly harm the school. By avoiding gossip and toxic activities, just as students are expected to perform.
- By never engaging or encouraging another to engage in litigation or threatening legal action against the School.

To support the work of Ambleside School:

- By promptly dropping off and picking up my child each day;
- By being punctual in fulfilling my financial obligations to Ambleside;
- By attending Campus Meetings, Parent Teacher Conferences, and school programs;
- By upholding school policy (dress code, attendance, homework, etc.)
- By serving as an Ambleside volunteer
- By ensuring my child is in class and absent only when sick or otherwise in compliance with School policy.

Ambleside Parent(s)

Date