

CLASS AGREEMENT (OR USE VERSION REVISED BY CLASS IN S1W2)

Word Bank to fill in the blanks

risks	leader	teachers	habit	focused
ideas	future	respect	agreements	team

At ELEVATE, we operate on agreements, not expectations. Expectations are a set of rules or actions that someone else has placed over you and that you have to follow. Often, our human nature tends to push back against expectations. But an agreement is different. _____ (1) are when *all* parties, in this case, all students and _____ (2) agree on a set of behaviors that we commit to practice. Agreements allow everyone a voice and the power to commit to something they know they can do and want to do.

Great teams have seven essential characteristics. We will be a great _____ (3), so these seven characteristics represent our core responsibilities to each other.

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| Vision | Plan for and commit to a better future |
| Courage | Take risks to do good |
| Integrity | Live out values with consistency and in all circumstances |
| Responsibility | Fulfill commitments faithfully |
| Positive Work Ethic | Work hard with conviction and passion |
| Respect | Honor self and others |
| Caring | Meet others in their place of need |

Vision: *Plan for and commit to a better _____ (4)*

In the ELEVATE classroom, we know that we must begin with a clean slate and that from this day forward we agree to create a plan to build a better future for ourselves, our friends, our family and our community.

In and out of class, this looks like: Behaving as a leader from today onward regardless of our previous actions. We plan for the future through making intentional and planned decisions to improve our lives and the lives of others.

Courage: *Take _____ (5) to do good*

The reason ELEVATE exists is to *fan the flame* of your spirit by helping you to discover and carry out your passions while building a lifelong relationship with you. It takes courage to risk building a relationship with others. We know there will be obstacles and those who will tell you that it's not worth it. It takes courage to not join with the crowd because we know that when we act with passion we will triumph, good always wins.

In and out of class, this looks like: Be willing to truly be ourselves, share our _____ (6), stand up for others and never go along with the crowd because it's the easy thing to do. Exploring ideas to make something (or someone) better, speaking up and sharing your voice, looking at circumstances with an open mind and open eyes to new perspectives and possibilities.

Integrity: *Live out values with consistency and in all circumstances*



As an ELEVATE _____ (7), we understand that we want to do the right thing, the right way, in all areas of our life, even when no one is watching. We understand that we are role models for others in our school and in our community.

In and out of class, this looks like: Being our best selves always and taking the time to really think before making decisions and being honest with others in a kind and caring way.

Responsibility: *Fulfills commitments faithfully*

We are accountable to one another and ourselves...all the time. We know the only way to grow is by changing our behavior and making a _____ (8) of that positive behavior. We agree to hold our classmates, our mentors/teachers, and ourselves responsible for upholding our agreements and to act according to a high moral code.

In and out of class, this looks like: Being on time, remaining fully engaged through all of class, coming to class prepared, following set classroom procedures, turning in your work on time and with excellence, not passing blame on others.

Positive Work Ethic: Work hard with conviction and passion

We know there is only one way to take on life: with 100% determination and a full-force dedication and drive to be successful. We understand that we are role models for others in our school and in our community and that when we work hard, others naturally follow and work hard as well. We know that others will try to distract us from our mission, but when we stay _____ (9) on our hard work as a team has an exponentially positive effect on others.

In and out of class, this looks like: Creating exceptional work each and every day in class. Staying on task during classroom discussions. Going above and beyond to teach the very best lesson possible to the Little ELEVATE students.

Respect: Honor self and others

We know that leaders approach every situation and person with a sense of _____ (10). We understand that when we make a decision it almost always impacts others. We understand that we must create and maintain healthy boundaries for our own behavior and the behavior of others. We know that even the best of leaders listen to others, heed a mentor's advice, and need correction at times.

In and out of class, this looks like: Making a great first impression, we identify and tell others of our personal boundaries and are willing to act to protect those boundaries.

We agree to operate with two classroom procedures to promote respect of the teacher and other students:

- 1) The Class Opening: We will open class by 'centering' ourselves through a 30-second to 1-minute exercise. The exercise might look different from class to class, but is meant to help us to enter Elevate with a clear mind and strong focus.
- 2) Getting Your Attention: You will have the opportunity to speak a great deal in class, so we will operate class with a few attention getting strategies, such as "RESPECT".

Caring: Meet others in their place of need



ELEVATE relationships are critical to our success within this class and well beyond. We know we are building life-long relationships every single day and we agree to treat each other with kindness, respect, gratitude, and love.

In and out of class, this looks like: Speaking with kindness, going out of your way to be nice, and looking out for others, proactively seek out ways to help.

A final note:

The ELEVATE experience is so much more than a class. You will be challenged, you will grow, you will learn, and it will be **hard**. Trust us, the challenge is totally worth it.

We are so glad you are on our team!

Signature

Date

Name

Class Period