



Student Responsibility Contract - SY '26-'27

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You are a valuable and important member of this community. Strong character is a foundational value at RMSEL. Each student in our community is expected to demonstrate strong character decisions and actions in school and when participating in school activities, like crew trips, fieldwork, or athletics. Participating, feeling safe, being challenged, and being supported by teachers and peers is your *right* as a student and community member. Parents and students, please acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept the contract for student responsibility by electronically signing the final document.

As a RMSEL student, I accept the following minimum expectations for excellence and commitment:

- I will attend and participate in all classes, crew trips, fieldwork experiences, and showcase/exhibition nights to the best of my ability. I understand that unverified absences, or absences in excess of 10 unexcused absences, may result in non-admittance to RMSEL the following school year.
- I will respect my crew, peers, teachers, and myself, as evidenced by use of appropriate language and appropriate conflict resolution strategies while at school or in school activities.
- I will make this school a safe place to learn and grow by adhering to all of the guidelines set forth in the BOCES policies.
- I understand that I must follow all RMSEL policies concerning behavior.
- Repeat offenses of the code of conduct may result in removal from fieldwork and trip privileges.
- I will remain drug-free, including the use of nicotine, while enrolled at RMSEL, and understand that any involvement with drug use may jeopardize my enrollment at RMSEL (BOCES Policy JICH).
- If I receive a behavior or attendance referral, I will be required to attend a review meeting with administration (BOCES Policy JK-1, JK-2, JK-2-R).
- Behavior referrals that jeopardize my safety and/or the safety of my peers will result in the loss of crew trip, adventure trips, and/or fieldwork experiences at the discretion of the administrative team. This includes, but is not limited to: threats, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, physical misconduct, and/or inappropriate physical contact.
- An out-of-school suspension will result in non-attendance or a requirement of parent chaperone on fieldwork and crew trip experiences at the discretion of the administrative team.
- As a student, I will be responsible for my education and responsible for attending all organized school activities, including crew trips, fieldwork experiences, and showcase/exhibition evenings. Unverified absences for missing these activities will have a negative impact on my grades.
- I agree to participate in all benchmark/school-level assessments.
- I agree to participate in the completion of an annual portfolio and the passage process in grades 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12. In the event that I cannot complete a portfolio, I understand that if I remain at RMSEL, I will be retained.

High School

- I will maintain a Limited Evidence (LE) or higher level in all of my classes. If I receive any No Evidence (NE) or Failing (F) grades during any semester, I will be ineligible to participate in the internship program and/or grade-level spring trips.
- I understand the RMSEL Graduation Requirements. In the event that I receive a grade of No Evidence

(NE), which is equivalent to a credit weight of 0.0, I will be required to complete a credit recovery course from an authorized provider. In the event I fail to complete the course, I may be retained for continued enrollment in the subsequent year at RMSEL.

Middle School

- I will maintain a Limited Evidence (LE) or higher level in all of my classes. If I receive any No Evidence (NE) or Failing (F) grades during any quarter, I will be ineligible to participate in the grade-level spring trip.

Student Initials: _____

Date: _____

As a RMSEL parent, I accept the following minimum expectations for excellence and commitment:

- I understand I am required to assist my child in meeting all expectations stated in the Student Responsibility Contract.
- I understand the time commitment needed by my child, and I will make sure that my child will be at all crew trips, fieldwork experiences, and showcase nights.
- I understand that assessments are mandated by state law and are used by the state as major criteria on the state accountability reports. I understand that RMSEL will receive a penalty score for any student who is enrolled at RMSEL who does not take these assessments.
- I understand that I may be required to attend fieldwork or crew trip experiences if my child repeatedly violates the code of conduct.
- I understand that repeated violations of the code of conduct may result in the denial of admission to RMSEL the following school year.
- I understand that I am required to attend all student/parent/teacher conferences on scheduled conference dates.
- Participation in fieldwork, crew trips, and grade level experience requires students to be in good standing both in relationship to the code of conduct and academic expectations as outlined in the contract.
- I agree to contribute no less than 20 volunteer hours to RMSEL.

Parent Initials: _____

Date: _____