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SHINE Academics is an independent non-profit organization that provides academic support to students within the Halifax North End community. The program was started in 2012 by Loran Morrison and Chloe Zinck who are both passionate about educating and inspiring youth. SHINE, which stands for Supporting, Helping and Inspiring through Non-profit Education, is entirely run by volunteers while relying on the support of the North End Memorial Library for tutoring space. All supplies and snacks used in the program are generously donated by Gordon Stirrett Wealth Management, a local company that also believes in the importance of education for our youth.

The volunteer math tutors are recruited from local universities to work with students, with a focus on grades 7 to 9 math. Students register with the SHINE program and are matched with a tutor. The tutors and students meet weekly in the auditorium at the Halifax North Library. The Library provides free meeting space for the 1-hour session. The Library's Reading Support program provides a volunteer intake procedure including a criminal record check. The Library also provides general supervision of the program space and provides tutors and students with library resources.

Tutoring sessions currently take place between **4pm and 7pm** (depending on assignment) on **Wednesdays** at the **North End Memorial Library**. Students will be paired with tutors based on availability of volunteers. In the event that a tutor is not available for a student, this student will be waitlisted until a tutor is found. We cannot guarantee that every student will receive a tutor, but we will do our very best to try and make this happen!

There are 3 blocks for tutoring during the 2016-2017 academic year. Block A will provide tutoring from October-November, Block B from January-April, and Block C from April-June. **Tutoring sessions will not take place in December.** In the event of an in-service or school cancellation, tutoring will also be cancelled. If your child cannot make it to a tutoring session, please ensure that notice is given as soon as possible. It is expected that the student will attend every week, whether or not they have school work to address. If attendance is inconsistent, the student's spot within the program may be lost.

We, as SHINE tutors are here to support each student to the best of our ability. It is expected that the student attends regular classes during the week at their school, using our tutors as additional support. We are dedicated to providing one hour a week of tutoring to each student, but some may require additional support. If a student is struggling within their courses and needs more support outside of this one hour a week, please speak with the library personal.

By signing this agreement, you are agreeing to have understood the above statements, as well as the following:

- Each student is expected to attend their scheduled session each week and to be on time. If attendance becomes an issue, the space within the program may be lost.
- Each student is expected to behave in an appropriate fashion within the library space. Disruptive or disrespectful behaviour may lead to removal from the program and/or the library space.
- Each student will show up to the program prepared to focus and do work.
- Not every student will immediately receive a space, but one will be granted in the event a tutor becomes available.
- Volunteer numbers may vary, so students attending SHINE are not guaranteed a spot for all 3 blocks (A, B, C), though we will do our best to provide this full year of support.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns! We look forward to meeting you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loran Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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