

# Independence Charter Middle School

## STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide each student an academically challenging and equitable educational experience based on safety, respect and accountability through team teaching, and dynamic, interactive student, parental, and community involvement. These students will possess eagerness, high school readiness, and the skill for life-long learning.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

All students admitted to ICMS must sign a "Code of Conduct" in which they promise to conduct themselves respectfully and properly. A copy of both the parent/guardian and student "Code of Conduct" are listed below. In addition to this, teachers are required to sign a Code of Conduct. These Codes are in effect while at school or any event representing ICMS. It is very important that we all work together in setting an example for our children. ICMS and its staff believe in positive discipline, and setting a positive example is the first step.

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

I understand that I have chosen to enroll my child in the Independence Charter Middle School, and to be a vital part of my child's education as an adult role model. With that I PROMISE...

- ◆ To be a positive role model for my child.
- ◆ To complete a minimum of 40 hours of school volunteer activities per year (or 60 hours for two or more children).
- ◆ To attend parent meetings and conferences.
- ◆ To support my child's education via regular communication to teachers and the administration.
- ◆ To monitor my child's study habits and the completion of my child's homework or assigned projects.
- ◆ To conduct myself in a responsible and mature manner in my interactions with teachers, administrators, staff members, and students.
- ◆ To make sure my child attends school regularly and arrives on time.
- ◆ To pick my child up from school in a timely manner.
- ◆ To support classroom rules set by teachers.
- ◆ To refrain from profanity in speech and written language at all times.
- ◆ To abide by ICMS policy concerning restriction of weapons on school grounds.
- ◆ To be financially responsible for the restoration of school property caused by defacing, destruction, or loss of said property by my child.
- ◆ To enforce the student dress code for my child.
- ◆ To participate in parent/student continuing education when offered by the school.
- ◆ To ensure that my child abides by the Student Code of Conduct.
- ◆ To follow the Parent Code of Conduct while on school grounds and at school sponsored events and activities.

I understand that I have made the choice for my child to attend Independence Charter Middle School and the Governance Committee of the school may modify the Code of Conduct. Furthermore, *I understand that all consequences for misconduct, including those for dismissal from the school, are unique to children who attend Independence Charter Middle School.*

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Parent Signature (Guardian)

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Date