

Living Word Academy

STOP - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ***Arbitration Agreement***



The parties to this agreement, Living Word Church and Living Word Academy and the parents of said application, believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with the Biblical injunctions of I Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-24, and Matthew 18:15-20. Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising out of, or related to, this agreement or to any aspect of the church/school and student relationship, including statutory claims, shall be settled by Biblically-based mediation.

If resolution of the dispute and reconciliation do not result from mediation, the matter shall then be submitted to a panel of three independent and objective arbitrators for binding arbitration. Each party to the agreement shall have the right to select one arbitrator (unless the parties mutually agree to the use of only one arbitrator). The two arbitrators selected by the parties shall jointly select the neutral, third arbitrator. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation" contained in the Peacemaker Ministries booklet, Guidelines for Christian Conciliation.

The parties agree that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of the church/school and student relationship or this agreement and expressly waive their right to FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN ANY CIVIL COURT for such disputes, except to enforce a legally binding arbitration decision.

Each party, regardless of the outcome of the matter, agrees to bear the cost of his/her/its own arbitrator and one half of the fee and costs of the neutral arbitrator and any other arbitration expenses. (If the parties mutually agree to use only one arbitrator, each party shall bear the cost of one-half of the fees, costs, and any other arbitration expenses.)

We, _____ being the legal guardians of

_____ do hereby acknowledge that we have read this form and have understanding of it's contents. We agree by our signature that we totally agree with these statements and will act in accordance.

Legal guardian

Legal guardian

Principal-Living Word Academy

Date