



has made a Commitment to Complete College

She will do so only with the support of her family, teachers, school leaders and the school community. The undersigned commit to work as individuals and together as a team to ensure that she is on a path to earn a degree from a four year university.

SCHOLAR:

TEACHER(s) :

FAMILY:

PRINCIPAL:

The mission of Girls Prep is to prepare New York City girls to graduate from college and succeed in life. Girls Prep girls will embody the core values of Scholarship, Merit, Responsibility and Sisterhood and use these values to guide their choices. Girls Prep will graduate scholars who meet or exceed New York State Performance Standards and are active citizens who learn and serve in their communities. Girls Prep is part of the Public Prep Network, a nonprofit organization that develops single-sex elementary and middle public schools that pursue excellence through continuous learning and data-driven instruction. Our model is designed to empower each student to build strong character, demonstrate critical thinking, possess a core body of knowledge, and be on a predictive path to earn a degree from a four-year university.

scholarship | merit | sisterhood/community | responsibility

zest respect
resiliency
scholarship
grit courage
gratitude
optimism
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wisdom
commitment
sisterhood
excellence
dependable
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community
curiosity
honesty
commitment
responsibility
zest respect
dependable

2011-12 Student Commitment to College Completion

I believe in, and commit to model, the Girls Prep's Core Values of scholarship, merit, sisterhood and responsibility. In support of my learning and achievement, as well as to ensure that I am on a path to earning my college degree, I will always do my best and commit to work with my teachers and my family to help me succeed.

scholarship

"I learn new things every day." I COMMIT TO:

- Become a lifelong learner and critical thinker who excels academically and develops strong character.
- Demonstrate excellence across all of my subjects.
- Show enthusiasm, and actively participate in my own learning.
- Ask and answer questions to deepen understanding.
- Pursue opportunities for independent learning.
- Show resiliency and optimism.

merit

"The harder I try, the more I achieve." I COMMIT TO:

- Hold myself to the highest academic and behavioral expectations.
- Complete all class and homework assignments on time.
- Ask for help from my family and/or my teachers if there is something I do not understand.
- Read each night to develop excellent reading and study habits (K and 1st grade – 20 minutes; 2nd & 3rd grades – 30 minutes).

sisterhood

"I depend on my sisters, and they depend on me." I COMMIT TO:

- Treat teachers, my peers and members of my community with kindness and respect – during work and play.
- Communicate respectfully with every member of the Girls Prep community (this includes verbal communication, email and any social networking sites).
- Volunteer and participate in at least three service projects with my sisters to help my community.
- Take pride in my personal achievements and show appreciation of the achievements of others.
- Find positive solutions to resolve conflicts with others.

responsibility

"I choose to do the right things (even when no one is watching.)" I COMMIT TO:

- Arrive at school no later than 7:50 AM each morning, ready to learn, and stay until 4:00 PM.
- Keep my word and finish what I start.
- Demonstrate good listening habits.
- Exhibit self-control, and respect my environment.
- Wear my complete school uniform every day.
- Follow all school and classroom expectations and directions.
- Accept and honor Girls Prep's behavioral system, its rewards, and its consequences.

2011-12 Family Commitment to College Completion

I believe in, and commit to model, the Girls Prep's Core Values of scholarship, merit, sisterhood/community and responsibility. In support of my daughter's learning and achievement, as well as to ensure that she is on a path to earning her college degree, I will always do my best to support her, and work with the school to address any concerns.

scholarship

"I support my daughter's goal to be a lifelong learner and critical thinker who excels academically and develops strong character."

I COMMIT TO:

- Check and sign her homework folder each night.
- Make every effort to attend all academic workshops and information sessions provided by the school.
- Make every effort to attend all classroom family events to participate in my daughter's learning.

merit

"I will ensure my daughter is motivated and working hard to earn opportunities and achieve her goals." I COMMIT TO:

- Hold her to high academic and behavioral standards.
- Praise her for her accomplishments, and recognize her for her efforts.
- Ensure that she reads independently, or with me, each night (K and 1st grade – 20 minutes; 2nd & 3rd grades – 30 minutes).
- Ask for help when needed.

community

"I am part of a positive learning community focused on contributing to a culture of growth, support, and collaboration."

I COMMIT TO:

- Attend all family / teacher conferences.
- Communicate respectfully with every member of the Girls Prep community (this includes verbal communication, email and any social networking sites).
- Attend at least three out of ten Community Council meetings, and at least three Unity Meetings.
- Respond to all school communications within 36 hours.

responsibility

"I will ensure my daughter practices responsible behavior, and is ready, financially and otherwise for college." I COMMIT TO:

- Make sure she wears her complete uniform every day.
- Make sure she arrives at school no later than 7:50 AM each day, ready to learn, and stays until 4:00 PM.
- Call or email the school by 8AM if she will be absent, tardy or needs to leave early, and give an explanation as to why she is missing critical learning time.
- Make every effort to save at least \$100 per year in her New York State 529 or other college savings account.
- Accept and honor Girls Prep's behavioral system, its rewards, and its consequences.

2011-12 Teacher Commitment to College Completion

I believe in, and commit to model, the Girls Prep's Core Values of scholarship, merit, sisterhood/community and responsibility. In support of my scholar's learning and achievement, as well as to ensure that she is on a path to earning her college degree, I will always do my best to support her and work with her family and my school team to address any concerns.

scholarship

"I am a lifelong learner and critical thinker who seeks knowledge and innovative solutions." I COMMIT TO:

- Actively participate in all professional development programs throughout the school year.
- Set a concrete path to achieving my SMART goals and continuously reflect on my performance with respect to my goals.
- Actively seek out professional learning opportunities to continuously learn and improve my practice.
- Learn from all community members.

merit

"I believe all of my students can excel, and so I will hold them and myself to high academic and behavioral expectations."

I COMMIT TO:

- Plan thoughtful and engaging lessons that differentiate instruction for my students in order to meet individual and collective needs.
- Collaborate with my colleagues and persevere during challenging times.
- Conduct myself with the utmost professionalism, and do whatever it takes to achieve student learning.

community

"I am part of a positive professional learning community focused on contributing to a culture of growth, support, and collaboration." I COMMIT TO:

- Thoughtfully prepare for all family / teacher conferences and home visits.
- Communicate respectfully with every member of the Girls Prep community (this includes verbal communication, email and any social networking sites) and consistently model the Core Values in my own actions.
- Respond to all family communications within 36 hours.
- Foster a classroom environment that is welcoming to families and the school community, and is developmentally appropriate and accessible for all learners.

responsibility

"I will hold myself accountable for the success of my school and my students, and I am dedicated to the sustainability of our network." I COMMIT TO:

- Arrive at school no later than 7:30 AM each morning; ready to teach, and stay until at least 4:15 PM.
- Rigorously use data to inform instruction.
- Dress and behave in a professional manner.
- Prepare my lessons and materials in advance.
- Uphold my responsibilities and follow through on my commitments.
- Contribute ideas and resources to my teaching team, school community and families.