

Home/School/Parent Agreement

We agree to work together to help _____ (child's name) be successful in the MECK Pre-K program. We promise to communicate in person with the teacher and the school, by telephone or in writing whenever necessary and sincerely invest in our child's education. We understand the vision of Mecklenburg County, the philosophy and goals of the MECK Pre-K Program and the commitment of the site that we chose and in doing so agree and accept full responsibility for cooperating in every way possible in the process, progress and success of our child's education.

We understand that failure to adhere to all MECK Pre-K policies outlined in this parent handbook, including the seven (7) parent engagement activities may jeopardize my child's enrollment in the MECK Pre-K program.

By initialing the areas below I agree that the handbook has been reviewed and I have read and understand its content.

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| ☐ Attendance | ☐ Transfers & Withdrawals | ☐ Behavior Policies |
| ☐ Field Trips | ☐ Meals & Food Allergies | ☐ Transportation |
| ☐ Parent Engagement | ☐ Emergency & First Aid | ☐ Afterschool Care |
| ☐ Home/School Connections | ☐ Assessment & Teaching Practice | |

I, _____ (parent's name) authorize the MECK Pre-K program and/or their Marketing & Communications Partner to use images and audio of my child, such as photographs, video and audio tape, as well as student work product, for purposes of publicity, program activities, and to fulfill contractual obligations of the MECK Pre-K program. Such image and voice reproductions may appear in photographs, on video, on the Internet, or in other formats as Smart Start of Mecklenburg County deems appropriate.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

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Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Date _____

STUDENT COMPACT

We agree to work together to help _____ be successful in the MECK Pre-K program. We promise to communicate in person, by telephone or in writing whenever necessary. We understand that attendance matters for child development and school readiness and will work to ensure that _____ arrives to MECK Pre-K on time and attends at least 90% of scheduled school days (and more to the extent possible).

As a family committed to your child's success, you will fulfill the responsibilities listed in the student compact. Accurate records will be kept of your child's attendance, parent/family participation and your child's progress. You, as a parent/guardian, understand that if you do not fulfill the parent and family responsibilities listed in the student compact, despite supportive services, your child may be removed from the MECK Pre-K program.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Teacher's Signature

Date

I have carefully read the Parent Handbook for the MECK Pre-K program and accept full responsibility for cooperating in every way possible including regular and on-time attendance.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

I give permission for my child to travel outside the center grounds. Children will be carefully supervised by the teaching staff. I also understand that parent and community volunteers may occasionally provide teacher support in MECK Pre-K classrooms.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

I, _____ authorize the MECK Pre-K program (and MPK's marketing team to use images and audio recordings of my child, such as photographs, video and audio, as well as student work product, for purposes of publicity, program activities, and to fulfill contractual obligations of the MECK Pre-K program. Such image and voice reproductions may appear in photographs, on video, on the Internet, in advertising/media campaigns or in other formats as MECK Pre-K/Mecklenburg County/Smart Start deems appropriate.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use in MECK Pre-K

MECK Pre-K is committed to providing high-quality, developmentally appropriate learning experiences while responsibly utilizing emerging technologies to support teaching and learning.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to computer systems that can assist with tasks such as generating ideas, creating instructional materials, organizing information, and supporting communication. MECK Pre-K may allow educators and staff to use approved AI tools to enhance lesson planning, create educational resources, support family communications, and improve program efficiency.

The use of AI within MECK Pre-K is guided by the following principles

- › AI is used as a tool to support educators and is not a replacement for professional judgment, teaching, or interactions with children.
- › Children will not independently use AI tools as part of the MECK Pre-K program.
- › AI will not replace hands-on, play-based learning experiences that are essential to early childhood development.
- › Student privacy and confidentiality will be protected at all times. Staff members are prohibited from entering personally identifiable student information, including student names, photographs, videos, assessment data, or other confidential information into public AI tools.
- › Any AI tools utilized by MECK Pre-K must align with applicable privacy laws, program policies, and county technology guidelines.

MECK Pre-K believes that responsible use of technology can support educators while maintaining our commitment to safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate learning environments for all children.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Awareness and Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the MECK Pre-K Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Statement included in the Parent Handbook.

I understand that:

- MECK Pre-K may use approved AI tools to support planning, communication, and program operations.
- Children will not independently use AI tools as part of the MECK Pre-K program.
- MECK Pre-K is committed to protecting student privacy and confidentiality.
- Personally identifiable student information will not be entered into public AI systems.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been informed of MECK Pre-K's approach to the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Understanding of the Child and Family Support Team

MECK Pre-K would like to make families aware that MECK Pre-K and its Child and Family Support Team are not part of the Local Education Agency (LEA), which is Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS).

The Child Development and Family Team may provide classroom strategies, developmental guidance and support to families as they navigate referrals and processes related to educational support plans, including an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Section 504 Accommodation Plan, to assist with students' transition into kindergarten.

However, MECK Pre-K is not responsible for determining eligibility for, developing or implementing formal IEPs or Section 504 Plans. Any formal evaluation, eligibility determination or legally binding educational plan must be completed through the appropriate Local Education Agency or authorized entity.

MECK Pre-K reserves the right to implement internally developed classroom strategies and supports to assist students participating in the MECK Pre-K program. MECK Pre-K reserves the right to reassess the appropriateness of the current classroom schedule, placement or support structure based on the resources and supports available within the program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information above regarding the role of MECK Pre-K and the Child and Family Support Team.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____