TERRA Environmental Research Institute Magnet Contract

All students at TERRA Environmental Research Institute must adhere to the requirements of TERRA’s Academic and Conduct requirements.

Academic Requirements:
- Required courses to take while at TERRA
  - Yearly Math and Science
    - All core courses (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) must be taken at TERRA and not in FLVS and/or Dual Enrollment
  - Two years of the same World Language
  - Physical Education
  - One online course through Florida Virtual School or online dual enrollment course
- Pass the Algebra 1 EOC
- 9th, 10th and 11th grade students must take the PSAT exam
- Complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service prior to graduation
- Maintain eligibility standards of cumulative unweighted (2.5) grade point average at the end of each semester in all classes
  - Must not earn a letter grade of D or F in ANY class, in ANY 9-week grading period
- Advanced Placement Courses: students selecting an AP class commit to both the academic rigor required of a college-level course and the AP exam in May. Failure to take the exam will result in a financial obligation of the College Board’s exam cost

Conduct Requirements:
- Maintain school attendance of no more than a combination of 10 tardies (excused and unexcused) and/or 10 absences (excused and unexcused) per year.
- Maintain a grade of “B” or better in conduct in all classes.
- A student who engages in conduct that is detrimental to the learning environment of the school (including faculty, staff, other students), whether it occurs on campus, off campus, or online will be disciplined by the school administration. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Harassment, sexual and/or cyber-bullying.
  - Theft, extortion, arson.
  - Use, sale, distribution or possession on school grounds of any weapons, drugs (and paraphernalia), tobacco (and paraphernalia such as vape pens), liquor and/or fireworks.
  - Habitual truancy, absenteeism.
  - Cheating/Plagiarism

A student at TERRA is a student at all times. Failure to adhere to these academic and conduct requirements will result in withdrawal from TERRA.

Since it is impossible to foresee all problems that can arise, if any behavior violates the spirit and philosophy of TERRA, even if not specified in our TERRA Magnet Contract, the administration reserve the right to waive and/or deviate from any and all disciplinary regulations for just cause at their discretion. The final decision to withdraw a student rests with the principal.
Honesty and integrity form the cornerstone of TERRA Environmental Research Institute and are central to the high ethical standards by which all students must abide. TERRA’s Honor Code is founded on the belief that every student has the right to pursue an education free from problems caused by any form of intellectual dishonesty.

Ethical conduct is expected at all times whether academic or behavioral. Violations of TERRA’s Honor Code can include but is not limited to the following:

1. Cheating: This is the actual giving or receiving of unauthorized aid or assistance on any form of academic work.

2. Plagiarism: This is the copying of or misrepresentation of another’s work as one’s own. Students are expected to acknowledge fully and in detail the work, thoughts, or ideas of another person if incorporated in work submitted.

   Students are to ensure that their own work is never given to another student, either in the form of hard copy or by electronic means, knowing that it might be submitted for assessment as the work of that other student.

3. Behavior: Students will not misrepresent themselves, others, or the school whether it’s on campus, off campus or online.

4. Technology Use: All students at TERRA must use technology such as cell phones, computers and other personal electronic devices strictly for educational purposes abstaining from accessing and manipulating inappropriate content. Any TERRA student who engages in social media must display integrity, citizenship, fairness and respect at all times.

Any student found to violate the above policies will be immediately withdrawn from TERRA and asked to return to their home school. Inherent in this code is the responsibility of an individual to come forth and report any form of violation of the TERRA Magnet Contract.
TERRA Environmental Research Institute Attendance Policy

Absences will initially be recorded as “unexcused” and will be changed, if appropriate, upon receipt of acceptable reason for absence. Absences are classified as follows:

**Excused Absences:**
- **Student Illness:**
  - 1-4 days: Parents/Guardian must provide a written notice to attendance office as to why the student was absent within three days upon the student’s return to school.
  - 5+ days: Parents/Guardians are required to provide a written statement from a health care provider within three days upon the student’s return to school.
- **Student medical appointment:** a written statement from a health care provider indicating the date and time of the appointment must be submitted.
- **Death in family.**
- **Religious observation.**
- **Subpoena by law enforcement agency or mandatory court appearance.**
- **Success Center (Alternative to suspension).**
- **Absence beyond the control of the Parent/Guardian as approved by the Principal or Principal’s designee.**

**Unexcused Absences:**
- Absences due to vacation, personal services, local non-school events, program or sporting activity.
- Absences due to older students providing day care services for siblings.
- Absences due to illness of others.
- Absences due to non-compliance with Immunization Requirements (unless lawfully exempted).

Any student who accumulates ten unexcused absences in an annual attendance course and five or more in a semester course, will be removed. Students who are tardy to school must report to attendance office. Excused tardies will only be provided to students who demonstrate a doctor’s or dentist’s note, police report, or traffic citation. Once a student accumulates 10 unexcused tardies, the student will be placed on probation. All probations may lead to dismissal from TERRA.

TERRA Environmental Research Institute does not provide transportation and parents are responsible for a child’s transportation to school on time.

To be counted "present" for the day, the student must be in attendance for a minimum of **two hours** of the day. Students must not be picked up within the final thirty minutes (1:50 PM) of the school day unless the principal or principal’s designee determined it is an emergency. Individuals not listed in the emergency contact card will not be permitted to sign a student out of school. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Parents are to update emergency contact information within 10 days of any changes.
**TERRA Environmental Research Institute Dress Code Policy**

**Polos:** White or Hunter Green Shirts with the TERRA logo in front upper left. Undershirts can be, hunter green, navy blue or white which must not extend beyond polo sleeve or below bottom of polo. Shirts must always be tucked in.

**Bottoms:** Navy Blue Pants must fit neatly and loosely e.g. Relaxed fit. Pants must also be worn at the waist with a belt. The following styles/fits are NOT permitted: skinny; athletic; joggers; jeggings; nylon; denim; cargo; knitted; corduroy type pants are not permitted.

**Outerwear:** Sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets must not have hoodies and are required to be in compliance with uniform colors. Outerwear must be solid colors: navy blue, hunter green or white with the TERRA logo upper left corner. They must be worn over the school uniform (polo shirt underneath visible) and must display the TERRA logo.

**Shoes:** Only closed-toe-shoes are allowed. No slippers/moccasin style shoes.

**Spirit/Team/Club T-shirts:** May be worn on Fridays as determined by the school administration. Announcements will be made.

**Student ID:** TERRA students must always wear a current school ID while on school property and at any off-campus function to ensure student safety. Students must not alter, deface, or allow any other student to be in possession of their ID. The first ID card will be issued the first week of school at no charge. A replacement ID may be purchased in the Main Office for a fee of $2.00. ID’s will only be sold prior to 7:20am and during lunch in the Main Office.

Please note that non-permissible clothing items/accessories include but are not limited to the following:

- No brand names/designer polos showing logos.
- No jeggings, joggers, leggings, athletic wear, blue jeans/ pajama pants, etc.
- No hats, bandanas, head scarves, or hoodies.
- No written messages, pictures, or symbols related to drugs, smoking, alcohol, sex, profanity, gangs or any other negative message.
- No backless shoes, cleats, Crocs, house slippers, gapped espadrilles or shoes with wheels are allowed on school grounds.
- No trench coats.
- If a student needs a leg brace, then they must wear the TERRA gym shorts that are knee length.

Students wearing any articles of clothing, jewelry, or hairstyles that may be construed as hazardous or a distraction to the learning environment will not be permitted in the school.

Continual violations of the school dress code will result in dismissal from TERRA.
MDCPS Media Release Parental Consent Form
and Model and Talent Release Form

I hereby give the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and their employees, agents, licensees, representatives or assignees, and those acting under their permission and upon their authority or those for whom Miami-Dade County Public Schools is acting, the absolute right and permission to copyright and/or use and/or publish, exhibit, display, broadcast or print portions of files, videotapes, kinescope, audiotapes, still pictures, slides, or any other type of recording, in which I may be included in whole or part, made though any media without inspection or approval of the finished product or use to which it may be applied.

I also grant the right to include my possessions and/or background objects which may appear in the final product.

Please be advised that during the year, your child may be photographed, videotaped or interviewed at various school sponsored events.

I hereby give the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and their employees, agents, licensees, representatives or assignees, and those acting under their permission and upon their authority or those for whom Miami-Dade County Public Schools is acting, the permission to photograph and/or videotape my child and to publish, exhibit, display, broadcast or print their media in newspapers, brochures, videos, television, all other school publications and the internet.

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MDCPS Acceptable Use Policy for Computers, Cellular Telephones and Internet Usage

The school's policy is extracted from the M-DCPS Acceptable Use Policy for the Exploration and Utilization of the Internet as a Tool for Learning. All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette:

A. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your message to others.
B. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use profanity, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
C. Do not engage in activities which are prohibited under local, state, or federal law.
D. Do not engage in activities which violate the M-DCPS Code of Student Conduct (both elementary and secondary), Code of Conduct for Adult Students, the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in the State of Florida, and School Board Policy 5500.
E. Do not reveal your personal address and/or telephone number or that of other students and employees.
F. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities and may result in loss of user privileges.
G. Do not use the network in such a way that would be disruptive to others.
H. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
I. Do not use the network to send or receive messages that discriminate based on gender, race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, political beliefs, marital status, age, sexual orientation, social and family background, linguistic preference, disability or that are inflammatory in nature.

Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District will not be responsible for any damages a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. The District denies responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain, and consider how valid that information may be.

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and understand that computer and internet privileges may be suspended or revoked if any of the aforementioned rules are disregarded or abused. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations, and those that may be given in each teacher's class.