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Superintendent of Schools

2024-2025 Family and Student Contract

Passaic Academy for Science & Engineering
Passaic Preparatory Academy

By accepting admission to one of the above schools, I understand that:

Students are subject to, and must adhere to the policies and regulations adopted by the Board of Education. Students must attend school on a regular basis and adhere to the academic, attendance, technology use, and discipline policies of the district. In addition, students may lose their enrollment at the academy for violation of the following policies:

▪ Instructional Arrangements

- Students who enroll in Passaic Preparatory Academy or Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering agree to maintain at least a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0/C/73% or higher. If the GPA falls below 2.0/C/73%, students will be required to attend mandatory academic support programs that may occur after school, on Saturdays, and/or during summer.
- Students accepted into the program with a GPA lower than 2.0/C/73% agree to attend summer programming prior to enrollment in the following school year.
- Students enrolled in the Passaic Preparatory Academy or Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering who successfully complete grade 8 and are promoted with a minimum GPA of 3.0/B/83% or higher will be automatically enrolled into grade 9 at the school they are currently enrolled in.
- Students who wish to transfer between schools at any point must complete the application process for the grade they wish to enter.
- Students enrolled in Passaic Preparatory Academy or Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering agree to select a pathway at the conclusion of 8th grade or upon being enrolled in grades 9 and above. Students agree to participate in an academically rigorous course sequence that may include a significant number of honors-level and Advanced Placement courses and must participate in a full day schedule every school year (i.e., In a 9-period day, students must participate in 8 periods of instruction; in a 10-period day, students must participate in 9 periods of instruction).

- The Instructional Arrangements Policy (File Code 6150) and its accompanying regulations may be viewed in its entirety at the Board administrative offices or on our website: www.passaicsschools.org.
- **Attendance, Absences, and Excuses**
 - Eighteen (18) absences, excused or unexcused, will require a review by the Attendance Review Committee to determine satisfactory completion of course requirements and may result in denial of individual course credit when the number of absences exceed 18 in a specific course.
 - A student who is tardy or absent without school approval from any class will be subject to rules as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct Policy (File Code 5131).
 - The Attendance, Absences, and Excuses Policy (File Code 5113) and its accompanying regulations may be viewed in its entirety at the Board administrative offices or on our website: www.passaicsschools.org.
- **Code of Student Conduct**
 - Students who display chronic behavioral or academic problems may be referred to the Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) team for an evaluation and to determine the need for other services.
 - Students agree to treat each other with civility and respect, and will not commit acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.
 - The Code of Student Conduct Policy (File Code 5131) and the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy (File Code 5131.1) and all accompanying regulations may be viewed in their entirety at the Board administrative offices or on our website: www.passaicsschools.org.
- **Technology and Acceptable Use**
 - Student use of the Internet and district-provided technology is a privilege. Any violation of Board policy may result in the loss of the district-provided access to technology.
 - Students who display chronic misuse of technology may be referred to the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team for an evaluation and to determine the need for other services.
 - The Technology and Acceptable Use Policy (File Code 6142.10) and its accompanying regulations may be viewed in its entirety at the Board administrative offices or on our website: www.passaicsschools.org.
- **School Uniforms**
 - Students agree to wear a school uniform.
 - A description of the school uniform for each academy will be provided to all families in August.
 - The School Uniforms Policy (File Code 5132) and its accompanying regulations

may be viewed in its entirety at the Board administrative offices or on our website: www.passaicschools.org.

- **Bilingual/ESL Programs, Special Education & 504 Plans**
 - Students identified as ELLs at Passaic Preparatory Academy and Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering will be enrolled in a high-intensity English As A Second Language (ESL) program, as per N.J.A.C Code 6A:15-1.5(a)2.
 - Passaic Preparatory Academy and Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering may not offer the full range of special education services available in other programs throughout the district. Thus, Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and 504 Plans may require review, in accordance with law, to determine whether revisions to such plans are necessary and/or appropriate. If you have specific questions, please contact your child's case manager or the Division of Special Education.
 - The Special Education Policy (File Code 6171.4), Students With Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (File Code 6171.6), and Bilingual and English As A Second Language (ESL) Programs (File Code: 6142R) may be viewed in their entirety at the Board administrative offices or on our website: www.passaicschools.org.

I have read the above statements. I understand that violation of the above policies and regulations have specific disciplinary action, including requiring parent/guardian meetings. I understand that violation of Board of Education policies may result in loss of enrollment at the academy.

Signature: _____