

## School, Parent, and Student Agreement

Congratulations for selecting a Celebration Education school!

### Introduction

A Celebration Education school is a brain-friendly environment with learning adventures that foster the spirit of inquiry, magnify conceptual ability, and develop higher-level thinking. Your individual gifts are increased as you develop your undiscovered skills and plant a seedbed for lifelong learning. This is an important step toward being a habitual learner.

At a Celebration Education school, you have the opportunity to:

- Learn what you want to
- Learn when you want to
- Learn for as long as you like
- Learn to the depths of your interest
- Learn in the way that best suits you

This is your opportunity as long as you abide by the three R's. You are expected to be:

- Responsible
- Reasonable
- Respectful

Traditional schools judge a student's academic success based mainly on two intelligences, namely linguistic and mathematic. After all, those are the easiest to measure. However, a Celebration school recognizes and celebrates all intelligences, including:

- Musical
- Spatial
- Social
- Personal
- Natural
- Creative
- Physical
- Spiritual
- Artistic

Learning in any intelligence compliments and increases the other intelligences.

## Weekly Schedule

A possible weekly scenario for a student in Celebration Education:

### Monday

- Independent study/personal projects
- Meet with tutor or mentor

### Tuesday

- Weekly topic introduction activities
- Picnic at the park with "school" friends

### Wednesday

- Independent study/personal projects
- Theme-related enrichment class

### Thursday

- Field trip or celebration that relates to the topic

### Friday

- Independent study/personal projects

As you can see, this schedule affords you lots of time to learn and work on projects just for you, while allowing for time with a tutor or mentor, time with friends, and also to explore common interests with fellow students. Not all learning needs to be book learning, as our brain has many avenues to receive information. None of these activities are required.

At the heart of this plan are the weekly topic introduction activities. Activities include:

- Sharing time
- Topic-related activities that allow the children to learn with as many senses as possible
- A list of activity suggestions that the students may explore at home
- Topic-related materials to take home
- Parent discussion

## Celebration Policies and Procedures

### **Attendance Requirements**

You are considered "present" for school each day you engage in educational activities, whether at home or at a Celebration event. Please realize that a Celebration Education is not a legal way to skip school. Rather, it is an opportunity for you to do more with your education than you might have imagined.

Celebration Education does not place requirements on students, so you are not required to attend any of the activities or participate in any of the learning experiences. If you do attend and you are bored, you are welcome to leave the activity. It would be inappropriate for you to stay and become a distraction to the other students.

We recognize that school is not the only location where learning can happen. Therefore, if you do not attend, it is assumed that you have chosen a different learning experience for that day. There is no minimum number of days that you must attend school activities. However, it would be appropriate to let us know when you expect to miss a school day.

If you start to miss regularly, you might want to consider another educational route. If an absence is prolonged - whether expected or not - we would discuss with you the option of disenrollment.

### **Dismissal**

Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, weapons, fighting, bullying, racism, pornography, stealing, and lying will not be tolerated. Any student or adult found participating in any of these activities could face severe penalties up to and including suspension and expulsion of the student(s).

Celebration Education reserves the right to dismiss students at its sole discretion.

### **Materials**

When you sign up for a plan, you are given a materials allowance. This is the maximum dollar amount of the materials you are permitted to take home at any time. These materials have no due dates and they may be exchanged throughout the school year. At the end of the school year, you may keep that dollar amount of materials.

Please see that items that you take home are properly recorded prior to their leaving the premises.

Any "consumable" materials (workbooks, journals, construction paper, etc.) can only be returned if they have no visible marks on them.

If materials are returned in poor condition, their dollar value will be deducted from the student's annual materials allowance. The student may keep these materials or donate them back to the school.

## **Sharing Time**

Sharing Time is an opportunity for you to share anything you have been working on. We encourage you to share your educational accomplishments, but you are welcome to share anything that is important to you. You are not required to share.

## **Emotionally Safe Environment**

Celebration Education is committed to providing an emotionally safe environment for the students. This means that we do not tolerate put-downs of any kind. We need to be especially careful that we do not (even accidentally) talk down to, gossip about, or say unkind things to anyone. We will all help one another in this, so as to minimize the problem. If an individual (student or staff) has difficulty abiding by this rule, they may be removed from the school.

## **Religion**

This is not a religious school. However, we suppose that the majority of the students are religious. Celebration encourages each individual's devotion. We do not expect you to separate your religion from your education. You are welcome to share things that are religious in nature. We expect all students to be respectful to others who do not share their beliefs.

## **Tutors/Mentors**

If you chose a plan that includes time with a tutor or mentor, you may meet with a tutor or a mentor once each week.

Tutors are people who can help you strengthen your academic weaknesses or learn specific skills or concepts.

Mentors are persons who can help you increase your strengths and help direct you to find learning experiences that would be appropriate for your interests. All our mentors are also tutors. Not all our tutors are Celebration-trained mentors.

From week to week, you may choose from among Celebration's mentors and tutors. You may choose the person according to your own educational needs and how comfortable you are with that person.

You will be given a list of tutors and mentors. You may contact the tutor or mentor directly to make arrangements to meet. You are welcome to meet at the Celebration facility before or after Celebration activities, or you may meet at another public location, such as the local library.

### **Adjusting to a Celebration Education School**

Because a Celebration School is unlike traditional schools, there is a different feeling, as compared to what most people consider "school" should feel like. Knowing that all new situations feel awkward at first, please be patient during this adjustment period, and soon learning will become as natural to you as eating is.

It is not just lip service when we say that you get to choose what you get to learn. Remember that keeping busy with textbooks, filling out worksheets, and taking tests are the lowest forms of learning. Students in a Celebration school are free of these restrictions and are allowed to learn in ways that are more compatible for their individual learning styles. This way, the learning is quicker and more memorable. Please talk to a staff member if you have any concerns about your progress.

### **Enrollment**

"Enrollment" means that Celebration Education keeps your official school records. This costs an additional \$100. You do not need to enroll with Celebration in order to attend. You can file your own private school affidavit, sign up with a charter school, or enroll with another independent study school.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns about any of Celebration's policies or programs.

### Celebration Education promises:

- To treat students and their parents with respect at all times.
- Exciting, meaningful, fun and brain-friendly learning experiences.
- Interesting take-home activities and materials.
- Quality field trips.
- Valuable 6-week classes.
- Knowledgeable tutors and mentors.

### As a student at a Celebration Education school, you promise to:

- Show respect to fellow students, Celebration staff, school facilities, and any third-party educators or facilities.
- Wear clean, comfortable, and modest clothing.
- Help keep facilities clean.
- Be honest.
- Do your best in all of your educational activities.
- Properly care for school materials.

### As a parent of a Celebration Education School you will:

- Attend weekly topic introduction presentation with your children.
- Attend weekly parent discussions.
- Assist your children in the small group activities.
- Help your child decide what materials to take home for at-home activities.
- Help your child choose among the many at-home inquiry choices.
- Attend field trips with your children. Help them notice things that would be interesting to them.
- Assist your children in preparing for their sharing time.
- Make appointments for your children to visit a tutor or mentor each week (if your plan includes tutoring). You are welcome, but not required to attend these sessions.
- Sign up for classes and field trips in a timely manner; cancel when necessary so that others may fill that spot.
- Expand your own education (does not have to be formal).
- Spend time with your children each day in educational pursuits.
- See that items checked out by your children are properly recorded prior to taking them home.
- Assist your children in caring for school materials.
- If your children have any food allergies, help them identify any foods offered at the school that might be harmful to them.
- Be attentive at all school activities.
- See that your children arrive a little early, as activities will start at the times they are scheduled for.

- Turn in monthly attendance records (not necessary if child is enrolled in another school situation).
- Pay for each month by the last school day of the previous month, unless other arrangements have been made (see payment schedule).

#### Application Process:

1. Attend a free parent discussion or complimentary school day.
2. Complete the application.
3. Turn in the application, along with fees. You can pay the discounted annual fee or pay monthly by turning in the first month fees (according to the *Plans Offered* sheet) with the application.

Note: The application is for students who sign up for one or more months with the plans as described on the *Plans Offered* sheet. Time-to-time participation in Celebration's classes and field trips do not require an application.

#### Your application may be mailed to:

Celebration Education  
PO Box 603  
Yucaipa, CA 92399

# Celebration Education Student Application

Parents: Please fill out the following to help us better understand your child.

General Information		
1. Name of Student (First, MI, Last)	2. To be placed in grade (for state records):	3. Home Telephone (     )
4. Mailing Address (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code)	5. Date of Birth	6. Other Phone Numbers (     ) (     )
7. Names of Parents:	8. New or returning student?	

Educational History	
9a. Would you like to enroll with Celebration Education (Celebration keeps official school records for an additional \$100)?	
9b. If no, please provide the name and phone number for the school the student is enrolled in.	
9. Name and Address of last School Attended	10. Phone Number of Last School Attended

**Services Requested**

Choose Plan:

<input type="checkbox"/> Super Deluxe	<input type="checkbox"/> Super Deluxe, sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> Custom Plan (Please attach signed proposal)
<input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe	<input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe, sibling	
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic, sibling	
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Budget plan, sibling	

Why are you interested in having your child attend a Celebration Education school?

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Describe your child's learning style and personality.

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Describe your child's most recent school experience.

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What are your goals for your child?

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Has your child ever participated in a special education program for exceptional or special needs children? If yes, please describe.

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Does your child have any special needs or considerations (physical, intellectual, dietary, or emotional) about which we should be informed?

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What else would you like us to know about you or your child?

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What situations or activities can cause tension or stress for your child?

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List any languages other than English that are spoken in the home.

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How did you hear about Celebration Education?

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We like to involve our community in our school. Do you or anyone you know have any unique talents that might be interesting for the children in the school? Please describe.

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I would like to volunteer to help the school by:

- Assisting the topic presentation teachers
- Help organize celebrations
- Assist with field trips

I have received, read and agree with the conditions on the School, Parent, Student Agreement and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction.

I authorize Celebration Education to arrange for emergency medical care for my child, should the need arise. In the event of an emergency, Celebration Education will make reasonable efforts to reach me or my designated representatives.

I authorize Celebration Education to use the student's name, portrait, or likeness in Celebration Education publications and in other appropriate media.

Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**To be completed by student.**

You may use the back if necessary.

List five adjectives that describe you.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please share something about yourself by completing the following sentences:

I am happiest when \_\_\_\_\_.

I am most proud of \_\_\_\_\_.

My biggest dream is \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do you want to attend a Celebration Education School?

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Describe what a perfect school would be like.

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What would you do if you saw someone at school who looks funny or acts weird?

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What would you do if someone made fun of you?

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I have received, read and agree with the conditions on the School/Student Contract and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction.

Signed,

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(Student)