

# PJA-Afterschool Department

# HOMEWORK CONTRACT

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, COMPLETE front & back, then RETURN!**

In the PJA-Afterschool Dept, we believe that our Afterschool Programs can support a child/youth's classroom success by providing a special quiet time and homework-related resources during our program for children/youth to work towards their homework completion.

We feel that we can provide the best opportunities for children/youth to work towards their homework completion when our Afterschool teaching staff and the children/youth and families of our programs have a clear understanding about how our Homework Time will work:

First, we ask that families discuss whether or not homework should be worked on while at our Afterschool Program. Next, we ask that families discuss what days of the week AND for what lengths of time homework should be worked on while at our program. Then, we ask that families discuss what components of the homework should be worked on while at our program.


We then remind the children/youth and their families that the Homework Time we offer at our Afterschool Programs is not a one-on-one tutoring service, but rather a quiet space and separate time of day for children/youth to focus on and work towards their homework completion. They can also get some general assistance from our Afterschool teaching staff as well as access basic homework-related resources during this designated Homework Time.

In general the Homework Time at each of our Afterschool Programs will be 45-minutes to one-hour in length, 4 days a week, Mondays through Thursdays. Families should sign children/youth up to work on their homework NO MORE than 45-minutes per day as research has shown it is difficult for children/youth to keep their concentration for more than this amount of time in one seating.

When Homework Time begins at our Afterschool Program, our Afterschool teaching staff will ask the children/youth with Homework Contracts if they have homework and/or to show the staff their homework folder. Our Afterschool teaching staff will not go through a child/youth's backpack to look for their homework, so if the decline that they have homework, we have alternate options below listed below.

## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

My child/youth, \_\_\_\_\_ and I have decided that s/he will have a Homework Contract in place to work towards homework completion the following days and times, *not to exceed 45min per day.*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Specific Amount of Time</b> 				

## IF MY CHILD/YOUTH SAYS THEY HAVE NO HOMEWORK:

If my child/youth states they do not have homework, then I, the child/youth's parent/guardian, approve one or more of the following options:

I null/void my child/youth's Homework Contract for that day.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please initial)

**OR**

I request they go to the Homework Center to read for 30-minutes, minimum

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please initial)

**OR**

I request they go to the Homework Center to work on Kidscorner assigned worksheets for 30-minutes, minimum.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please initial)

# Please Turn Over to Complete Contract...

*Incomplete Homework Contracts will not be implemented and will be returned to the child/youth's parents/guardians for completion!*

**It is helpful for our staff to have some information from both parent/guardians and children/youth about how to best support the child/youth's homework completion efforts.**

**We ask that families please work together to complete the child/youth and parent/guardian sections of this contract.**

## **CHILDREN/YOUTH**

1. Draw a circle around which thing you USUALLY like the best when you are doing homework:
- |                      |           |  |
|----------------------|-----------|--|
| Quiet place to work  | <b>OR</b> | A place where I can talk and move while I work |
| Desk and chair       | <b>OR</b> | Floor and pillows                              |
| Doing homework first | <b>OR</b> | After snack and time to run or relax           |
2. Which homework assignments are usually easiest for you? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which homework assignments are usually hardest for you? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Please complete this sentence. "When I get stuck on my homework, it helps when adults: \_\_\_\_\_."

By Signing Below, I agree to:

- Follow my Homework Contract and work on my homework when I am scheduled to attend
- Bring or quietly gather materials that I will need; books, pencils, notebooks, worksheets, and etc...
- Try my best to understand the homework assignment at school
- Work quietly and respectfully during Homework Time
- Follow all Homework Time rules and expectations
- Ask for help from the Afterschool teaching staff when I need it

**Child/Youth's Agreement Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

1. Which homework assignments are usually easiest for your child/youth? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which homework assignments are usually hardest for your child/youth? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please complete this sentence. "When my child/youth gets stuck on homework, I find that it helps when I: \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Please complete this sentence. "When my child/youth gets stuck on homework, I find that it does NOT help when I: \_\_\_\_\_."

By Signing Below, I agree to:

- Double-check the homework that my child/youth may have completed while at the Afterschool Program.
- Support my child/youth with any unfinished or difficult homework at home and/or at the Afterschool Program.
- Talk with teachers at my child/youth's school and at their Afterschool Programs about any homework issues and concerns.

I also understand that PJA-Afterschool Department's Homework Time option is not a tutoring service. The Afterschool teaching staff will work to provide an environment for my child/youth to work towards homework completion but they do not guarantee homework completion. They are there as a resource for child/youth and are unable to provide one-on-one homework assistance, this time is meant to help my child/youth work towards their homework completion.

**Parent/Guardian Agreement Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

