



Hillside Traditional Academy is a school of choice. In choosing to have your child attend Hillside Traditional Academy you are asked to make a commitment to the school values. Please read and sign the declaration below.

Declaration of Commitment

This is a declaration of intent to uphold the Hillside Traditional Academy school values. We encourage all of our students to become lifelong learners and to take responsibility for their own learning. Student success is greatest with parental support.

Traditional Choice in Education – The Ten Basics:

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| 1. Consistent, structured approach that maximizes class time. | 6. Regular homework policy |
| 2. Strong focus on academic achievement | 7. Clearly defined code of behavior |
| 3. Teacher directed instruction | 8. Dress Code |
| 4. Regular skills assessment | 9. Safe Environment |
| 5. Emphasis on solid literacy skills | 10. Parents as partners |

The following areas are particularly important for parental support:

Attendance

School is a preparation for adult life and job experiences. Regular attendance is as essential for success at school as it is in the adult working world. A consistent pattern of regular attendance and prompt arrival at school is vital for student success at Hillside Traditional Academy. We expect that families will only take vacations during regularly scheduled school holidays. Students who arrive late disrupt the classroom and the student misses important instructional time and information. If a student is late, they must report to the school office. We believe that parents are “partners” in a students’ learning and that it is the parents’ responsibility to ensure that their children are at school on time and attending regularly.

Behaviour Expectations

Every student has the RIGHT to learn, to hear and be heard, to be respected and supported, to be safe, to privacy and to his/her own personal space. As a member of the Hillside Traditional Academy school community, we will not allow our rights or the rights of others to be threatened.

Homework

It is important for children to recognize that their family places value on learning and is interested in their school work. By developing a regular routine for home study or homework, the value is realized by the child. A key to homework success is a defined schedule agreed upon by the parents and child. Homework should be completed during a time of quiet without the distraction of televisions or music and minimizing potential distractions.

Uniform

Our students are ambassadors for Hillside Traditional Academy in the community; well-groomed students who wear well maintained uniforms create a positive image. We believe that the responsibility for maintaining the dress code rests with the parents and students together. When making decisions about appropriateness of uniform items and personal accessories, parents are asked to ensure that no items, hairstyles or accessories detract from the general appearance of the uniform.

Students are expected to read and discuss the information in the student handbook with their parents. Please sign below to confirm that you and your child have read, discussed and understand the Hillside Traditional Academy rules and expectations.

We declare our commitment to the values of Hillside Traditional Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____