

## Purchase of Care

### **A Contract Between Parent and School**

(To Be Completed, Signed, and Dated Only After Reading Student Handbook and POC Contract)

## Purchase of Care Understanding and Expectations

### 2011-2012 School Term

Faith Elementary School has a contract with the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Social Services, under a Child Care Contract. Under such contract the school agrees to provide care and training for students Authorized through the Purchase of Care Office. All children and youth in the program are referenced as students regardless of whatever type of payment arrangement is set in place.

Faith Elementary School is a day school that teaches students and also offers morning and after-school child care services to enrolled students for a fee. Faith Elementary School is not a child care center. The school agrees to offer full attendance and participation rights to students accepted in one of the State of Delaware Purchase of Care (POC) programs including regular Purchase of Care, the Self-Arranged Purchase of Care Program, and possibly also the Plus program.

The school will not discriminate or show preferential treatment to or against students in the POC program. However, the parent(s) of a POC student honors the fact that all of the attendance and support standards of the school are expected of all school families.

The school will not require the usual double month payment of tuition fees in advance. The parent understands that non POC families pay a State assigned parent fee rates that may or may not fluctuate from month to month or over an assigned period of "authorization," but the parent will accept to pay flat rate for tuition with various discounts for more than one student from the same family. The regular tuition per student annual amount is \$3,800. This translates to an average daily tuition amount of \$21.11 per day based on 180 days of school. This rate applies whether the student is present or absent. The average monthly student tuition amount is \$380 per first student per household. This standard does not apply to Purchase of Care (POC) students.

Authorized POC parents are exempted from the regular tuition rate listed above. The per day tuition fee per POC student depends on the State of Delaware standard of pay. The school has agreed to accept the contracted per day payments (that is, the State Co-Pay and the POC assigned Parent Fee). However, voluntary participation in scheduled fundraising efforts and or donations from all parents are appreciated and expected for basic school income for operation.

The POC assigned Parent Fee is due the first of each month following the period of service. The parent understands that he or she (they) should take seriously the obligation to have the student in regular attendance, primarily for the benefit of the child's development, but also because the school loses income when there is protracted absences. If the school's services are only needed intermittently, perhaps the parent should consider another care provider that is more accustomed to sporadic attendance. When the student is absent important lessons are missed, the make-up of which may cause unnecessary stress on the teacher and the student.

Careful daily attendance is taken for each POC student and is collected by the assigned school personnel and is used for submitting monthly attendance reports to the Purchase of Care office. Payments, parent fee and State co-pay are determined by these reports. You will determine what your child's report will be. The parent accepts that there is a direct correlation between student performance and quality, punctual time spent in school.

The enrollment of your child in Faith Elementary School is welcomed and, of course, voluntary. The parent is expected and agrees to honor and follow school rules including prompt financial accountability.

Appropriate Student Application and other forms required for all students will also be completed by the parent of POC student for necessary enrollment, cumulative records, and contact purposes.

This **Contract** is entered into by the approved Faith Elementary and Middle School official named, \_\_\_\_\_, Title \_\_\_\_\_. This \_\_\_\_\_ day, of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and the parent Named here, (Circle one) Mr, Mrs, or Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or guardian of the student named above, will be entered into school the first day attendance on this date: \_\_\_\_\_. This student was born \_\_\_\_\_, and will be entered in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade. The Purchase of Care caseworker is : \_\_\_\_\_. The telephone number of the assigned caseworker is : \_\_\_\_\_. This contract is for the 2011 – 2012 academic school term or whatever portion of it that the student is enrolled.

The provision and completion of the information, terms, or standards above constitute a willing and voluntary contract between the signatories below for services that will be paid for in part by the Parent/Guardian and the State of Delaware Purchase of Care Office. The signatures verify the mutual acceptance of both parties of provider and parent/guardian.

Signature of authorized/legal parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature of authorized parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Signature of authorized school official: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Date of Signature of authorized school official: \_\_\_\_\_