



## **Commitment to Excellence Policy**

### **Charter School Mission**

The mission of Cardinal McCloskey Community Charter School (“CMCSS” or the “School”) is to address the academic, social-emotional and developmental needs of its students in a safe, supportive and trauma-sensitive learning environment. CMCCS is committed to serving at-risk students, including students in foster care and students receiving prevention services. Through a rigorous program of instruction utilizing a trauma-informed, Sanctuary approach, and by providing a wide range of wraparound support services, CMCCS will help each student become more resilient, independent and academically successful.

### **Charter School Vision**

Our vision is to create a school that empowers students to find and reach their unlimited potential in a safe and supportive environment using the Sanctuary model, where each student, the faculty and the administration strives for excellence in all of our endeavors.

**Student Commitment:** As a CMCCS student I commit to CMCCS in the following ways:

I will come to school on time every day (unless I have an excused absence). I will follow the dress code. I will work, think, and behave in the best way I know how. I will do whatever it takes to learn. I will finish all of my homework every night. If I have a question, I will ask my parents/guardians or teachers for help. I will listen to my teachers and follow all directions. I will give my teachers my full attention and respect at all times. I will respect all classroom and School property. I will believe in my own and my classmates’ abilities to get to and through school, even when it’s hard. I will protect the safety, rights, and interests of everyone in the classroom. This means I will solve my problems with words and use good judgment. I will get a teacher if someone puts their hands on me. I will tell the truth when I make a mistake and take responsibility for my own conduct. I know that graduating from CMCCS means a better future for me. If I need help, for any reason whatsoever, I will reach out to a teacher or the Principal.

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Student, By Parent/Guardian



**Teachers' Commitment:** Without taking shortcuts, we commit to CMCSS in the following ways:

I will arrive at CMCCS by 7:20 AM daily and will remain at CMCCS until 4:00 PM Daily (unless I have an excused absence). I will dress in a professional manner every day. I will always teach in the best way we know how and I will do whatever it takes for our students to learn. I will plan and execute rigorous lessons to prepare our students for success in school and life. I will provide parents/guardians opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. I will regularly provide parents/guardians with updates on their child's progress via progress reports and report cards. I will make myself available for parent-teacher conferences in which we discuss students' individual achievement and progress. I will always protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom. I will plan and execute rigorous lessons to prepare our students for success in school and life. I am committed to results. I will regularly provide families with updates on their children's progress. I will be available to students and parents for all concerns they may have, by phone or in person. I will do whatever it takes to challenge our students to reach CMCCS and character expectations while protecting the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the classroom, at school, and on all field trips. I will strive to be the best teacher I can be, modeling excellence and taking no shortcuts in preparing our students for success in school and in life.

I understand that I am accountable for our level of commitment to the school and our students and their families.

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(Teacher's Signature)



**Parent/Guardian Commitment:** Without taking shortcuts, we commit to CMCCS in the following ways:

We understand that our child must follow all CMCCS policies and rules. We are responsible for the behavior and actions of our child. We are aware that breakfast will be offered to our child Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m., and that our child must arrive at CMCCS by 7:50 a.m. every day so that they may be in class ready to learn by 8:00 a.m. (unless our child has an excused absence). We will also arrange for our child to remain at CMCCS until school ends and we will elect into all supplemental instruction such as enrichment, Saturday School, and Summer School. We will notify the School no later than the beginning of the school day if our child will miss school. We will send a note when they return. We will ensure our child adheres to the CMCCS dress code. We will contact teachers regularly to discuss our child's progress. We will check our child's homework folders and sign them every day as part of our child's homework. We will read and check carefully all papers our child brings home every night. We will strive to volunteer at least twice at CMCCS every year.

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