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### 2017-2018 Incoming Student/Parent Pledge

**Parents/Guardians:** Please carefully read and review the following pledge criteria with your child. Check off each item as you review them. Signing this pledge acknowledges that you and your child have read and agree to our school policies for academics, attendance, and behavior as indicated below.

#### Academics

- € I acknowledge that upon my acceptance to West Caldwell Tech, I am **required** to attend the Freshman Transition Program during the Summer of 2017 at the Newark Tech Campus.
- € I accept that I must make extraordinary effort to achieve excellence in all of my classes. I accept that I must complete daily classroom and homework assignments and I that I must submit work by the due dates or upon returning from an absence.
- € I accept, if determined by my teachers, counselors, or administrators, that I must attend tutoring for any academic class where I obtain a grade of C or lower. I will be required to improve my grade and “test out” of the afterschool class.
- € I accept that I must attend graduation assessment classes before or after school and on Saturdays as determined by the district and the state of NJ.

#### Behavior

- € I accept that I must fully comply with all school and district policies including cell phone, attendance, academic, uniform, and code of conduct policies.
- € **I understand that if I engage in a fight with a fellow student peer on or off of school grounds, I will immediately be returned to my sending school district.**
- € I accept that if my cell phone is confiscated, it will remain locked in a safe and **will NOT be returned until the date of my parent conference following the suspension date.**
- € I accept that harassment, bullying, cyber-bullying, are unacceptable behaviors which will result in swift discipline that includes suspension or return to district. I understand that there are serious consequences for placing inappropriate information on social media sites.
- € I accept that I must display courtesy and respect to my peers and all staff members at all times.
- € **I accept that in the event that I receive three (3) suspensions, I will be returned to my sending district school.**
- € I understand and accept that my conduct may not infringe on the rights of any other student or staff member.

- € I accept that I will respect my school building by ensuring cleanliness and by monitoring my tone in the corridors as I travel to and from my classes.
- € I accept that I must positively represent my school in and out of the school setting.
- € I accept that I must attend afterschool detentions and I am responsible for informing my parents.
- € I accept that I will be suspended for failing to attend Saturday Detention.

**Attendance:**

- € I accept that I must attend school daily and arrive to school and to all of my classes on time.
- € I understand that cutting a class is a serious offense and is cause for suspension.
- € I accept that I must turn in all absence and doctor's notes within 3 days of my absence.

**Dress Code**

- € I understand that I must purchase my school uniforms from the school's vendor. All shirts, sweaters, and blazers must contain the school's logo.
- € I accept that I must wear my school uniform daily, but I may participate in fundraisers (dress-down days) where I am required to pay a cost.
- € I understand that even on dress-down days, the dress code will be followed.

**Extracurricular Activities and Community Service**

- € I accept that I must participate in at least one extracurricular activity each year for which 10 hours of community service will be provided.
- € I accept that I must obtain 15 hours of community service each year. Ten (10) hours can be earned through participation in extracurricular clubs or activities. A minimum of five (5) hours must be obtained from services provided outside of the school.
- € I understand that I must show a minimum of 60 hours of community service by the end of my senior year to earn my diploma. Failure to do so will result in non-issuance of my diploma until the community service is documented.

**Parental Responsibilities**

- € I accept this pledge as it relates to my child's academics, attendance, behavior, dress code, extracurricular activities, and community service. I recognize that all policies will be strictly adhered to.
- € I accept that I must monitor the amount of television my child watches and the time he/she spends playing video games.
- € **I accept that I must attend a monthly PTSA meeting (1 hour) and volunteering at my child's school five (5) times during a 10 month school year.**
- € I understand that I am responsible for informing the school in writing of any changes in contact information.
- € **I understand that failure of my child to comply with any of the school policies can result in my child being returned to his/her sending school district.**

**Signing this portion denotes that you have read and agree to our school**

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accepting Guidance/Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_