

**CHAMPS Academy**  
**2008-2009 SCHOOL CONTRACT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, AGREE TO ATTEND CHAMPS ACADEMY AND ABIDE BY ALL OF THE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND EXPECTATIONS AS STATED IN THE ACADEMY SCHOOL STANDARDS.

Attendance

- I will make every effort to attend each class.
- I will let the school know if I cannot be present.
- If unusual circumstances arise, I will visit with the CHAMPS principal.
- If absent, I will provide CHAMPS with a note from my parent/guardian/doctor explaining the absence
- With in (5) five days, or absence will be considered unexcused.

**Students who have unexcused absences of 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period will be filed on. My signature below is my acknowledgement that I have read and understand mandatory school attendance, and this is my warning notification.**

**CHAMPS Academy will only accept six (6) parent /guardian notes a semester to determine if absence is excused or not.**

Academics

- I will earn a minimum of one credit every thirty school days.

I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THIS CONTRACT WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF MY OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND CHAMPS ACADEMY AND THAT I **WILL NOT** BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN MY HOME SCHOOL UNTIL THE NEXT FALL TERM BEGINS.

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ PRINCIPAL

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

## ***CHAMPS Academy 2008-2009***

CHAMPS Academy is a special school for special young adults with special needs. It is a school of choice, a school of need, but not a school of convenience. CHAMPS is an alternative school, different from the traditional high school. CHAMPS is a school designed to assist students in obtaining their high school diplomas. The work at CHAMPS is not easier, but it is different. This difference may make it easier for some students to do their work in order to earn a diploma. After completing the required courses, students may participate in graduation ceremonies at CHAMPS. Students who wish to participate in their home school commencement exercises are responsible for contacting their principal for the requirements and informing their home school of their intent in abundance of time to order cap and gown.

CHAMPS (Carson, Hutchinson and Moore Promote Students) Academy serves six school districts; Borger ISD, Dumas ISD, Panhandle ISD, Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD, Sanford-Fritch ISD and Sunray ISD for the purpose of providing an alternative setting for those students in need. Students targeted include dropouts, pregnant/teenage parents, students who have not mastered TAKS exams, students struggling in a traditional high school setting. CHAMPS will accept students age 14 to 21 who are referred by one of the six cooperative school districts. Students who are chosen to attend CHAMPS may not return to their home school until the beginning of the next fall semester if for any reason the student leaves the academy prior to graduation. CHAMPS is located at 308 S. Ridgeland, Fritch, TX.

### **Curriculum/Instruction**

CHAMPS utilizes non-traditional, self-paced competency based curriculum and instructional methods. Students will be assigned a limited number of classes and will progress at their own rate ( **MINIMUM 1 CREDIT EVERY 30 SCHOOL DAYS**). Because of the self-paced curriculum, no student fails at CHAMPS Academy. When a student masters one course, he/she will then be assigned another course needed for graduation. No homework is assigned at CHAMPS. A student who makes good progress and attends school daily may request to take work home if he/she desires to complete courses more quickly. There are no six weeks grading periods, no semesters, no teacher test days. Test days are selected by the student as he/she is ready. There are no bells at CHAMPS; students will be expected to move from class to class in a prompt manner. Course offerings will include all courses necessary to complete the credits required for graduation . Vocational classes offered will include; building maintenance, home economics and vocational business. Students may receive credit for these vocational courses while working in the childcare facility, cafeteria and while maintaining the CHAMPS campus. Emphasis will be placed on establishing goals for post-high school education and successful careers.

### Discipline

CHAMPS believes every society needs rules to live by. CHAMPS meets the needs of individual's learning styles and the need for individualism; but, must maintain a disciplined environment so all students can be successful. If a student's behavior has a negative effect on the learning environment ( TEXAS EDUCATION CODE for disruption of class or language) or success of others, they will be removed for counseling and/or discipline measures. Infractions that require mandatory placement in DAEP, students will be sent to sending school's DAEP for length of time specified by the Principal according to their discipline management plan and student code of conduct. These measures include but not limited to in-school suspension, out of school suspension, citations for citable offenses, or in extreme cases expulsion from CHAMPS.

### Dress Code

Students will be expected to be neat, clean and appropriately dressed each day. Any article or mode of dress that is determined to be disruptive, disturbing, unsafe or is offensive to an instructor is subject to correction. There will be no clothes worn with holes in them or flip flops or house slippers. These propose a danger in vocational classes, loading and unloading the bus, and walking in the rain, snow, or ice.

Displaying of colors and/or any type of gang-related affiliation or activity on campus is prohibited. Clothes displaying drugs, paraphernalia, alcohol advertisements or sexually explicit pictures or slogans are not allowed. We strive to be unified in our purposes and goals and any activity that would interfere with these is self-defeating and will not be tolerated. Any students not complying with this policy will be dealt with according to the offense. Students may also be held accountable to their sending school's dress code. The dress code enforced by the sending school for students to ride the bus will be enforced at CHAMPS also.

### Attendance

Success at CHAMPS depends on students attending daily and working on assignments. Students are expected to be in attendance each day. Students who must miss school should contact CHAMPS prior to the absence. Parents of students who are absent will be contacted. **Students who have unexcused absences of 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period will be referred to the appropriate court.**

### Transportation

Each sending school district will provide bus transportation to students and their children who are in the daycare facility at CHAMPS. **Students will not be allowed to drive their own vehicles to CHAMPS Academy.** (Students enrolled in concurrent classes taken on another campus or students with a job hardship may drive their personal vehicles to CHAMPS under special circumstances which must be approved by the sending school prior to enrollment). Busses will arrive at CHAMPS for classes to start at 9:00 am, and will depart for home districts at 3:00 pm. CHAMPS is a closed campus.

CHAMPS Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in providing educational services. The principal has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title IX. The principal has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

CHAMPS Academy periodically applies pesticides. Information concerning these applications may be obtained from the principal.

CHAMPS Academy does contain asbestos containing materials. Under the AHERA asbestos management plan, all remaining asbestos containing materials are being managed in place. Additional information concerning the asbestos management plan can be obtained from the principal.