

Education agreement between parents, students and teachers of the Albert-Schweitzer-Schule in Offenbach a. M.

We, the parents, teachers and students pursue the common desire

- that each child perceives our school as a place where they can live and study in an atmosphere of friendliness and mutual respect;
- that each child is challenged and nurtured regarding their strengths and weaknesses;
- that students are encouraged and reinforced to develop to have independent and responsible personalities; and,
- that students contribute to the school organisation and exercise their student's participation rights.

We can only live up to these aspirations if we understand them as a duty, which concern the school as well as the parental home. Together we represent our school in public, and we are aware of the fact that the way we behave shapes the image of our school.

Therefore we, the parents, the teachers and the student body shall reach the following agreement:

As parents we exercise our responsibility by

- supporting the school rules¹⁾ and values²⁾;
- showing interest in our children's behaviour and performance level in school;
- accompanying vigorously our children's personal development in order to become people who act on their own responsibilities;
- informing the school immediately of problems that occur or are believed to occur at home, which might influence the student's performance in school;
- ensuring that our children attend school on time; and
- bringing meals and the necessary learning material to school.

As teachers we exercise our responsibility by

- catering for the student's security and well-being and treating them respectfully;
- complying with the school regulations and values as we expect also our students to do;
- fostering solidarity in class;
- endeavouring a good atmosphere in class and a beneficial atmosphere for study;
- ensuring that each child can make use of their achievement potential;
- educating each child to be a responsible-minded person; and
- building up a good relationship based on tolerance, openness, respect and confidence between students and teachers.

¹⁾school regulations ("Schulordnung")

²⁾ school program("Schulprogramm")

Furthermore we assure to

- inform the parents about our school, and especially about their children's progress; and
- be an open-minded school in which parents are always welcome.

As students we exercise our responsibility by

- sticking to and supporting the school regulations;
dealing with our peers in a considerate, friendly and non-violent way, regardless of their religion, sex or nationality .
- contributing to the lessons in a constructive way;
- actively fostering a positive atmosphere in class and for study;
- undertaking tasks for the community (e.g. duties) willingly;
- being quiet and tidy in order to contribute to the communal feeling of mutual comfort in school;
- giving a good impression during bus rides, excursions, class trips and participation in contests; and
- dressing in an appropriate way such as is expected in an working environment.