

The U School
Senior Contract and Commitment

LOVE. DREAM. DO.

In this, the Class of 2018's final high school year, we hope to see our seniors embody not only our core values and school rules, but also our motto: *Love. Dream. Do.* We are dependent upon them to be the role models and leaders at The U School and to that end we will extend to them all the supports necessary to insure a successful, productive and memorable final year at The U School.

This senior contract exists in order to avoid confusion regarding the relationship between senior academic achievement, behavioral expectations, and seniors' activities.

Basic Senior Dues: \$300

While any student or family can pay amounts in excess of what is indicated, below is a suggested timeline of payments. Families who need extensions or modifications should communicate a payment plan with the school Counselor, Ms. Crawford. All monies are due by the date of prom. Failure to pay senior dues may jeopardize a student's prom participation. Please feel free to submit payment by the denomination of your choice. Below is a suggested payment schedule:

- 1st payment of \$75 - \$100 (or more) due by January 5th, 2018
- 2nd payment of \$75 - \$100 (or more) due by March 9th, 2018
- 3rd and final payment of remaining balance due by May 11th, 2018

Basic Senior Dues, **which are nonrefundable**, the senior yearbook, graduation-related expenses (graduation venue, cap and gown, diploma and cover, invitations, etc.), Senior luncheon, the Senior Class Gift, and parting gift to the school. The Basic Senior Dues are bundled, meaning seniors must pay for the entire package. *PLEASE NOTE: Prom and trips are NOT included in Senior Dues.

Any money paid to the school will first go towards the Basic Senior Dues bundle before it will be applied to any other events (Prom, Senior Trip, etc.).

Dues should be paid in the form of cash or money orders made payable to The U School. **No personal checks will be accepted.** Payments should be submitted during Possi and Lunch periods directly to Ms. Rivera via marked envelope that includes the student's full name and Possi Leader's name. To avoid misplacement of funds, please do not submit payments to any other staff member or via unattended mailbox.

Receipts of payment will be given immediately upon payment via paper receipt and email. Possi Leaders will always have access to an updated Senior Bank record in the event students or parents want to inquire about their remaining Senior Dues balance, or any of the other senior-related expenses. Please remember all payments must be submitted directly to Ms. Rivera during Possi and Lunch periods.

****There is a limited number of one-time financial grants available to those who qualify. Please see Ms. Crawford, Counselor, for more information.**

Class Rings

Class rings may be ordered directly through Herff Jones. The ring cost is based upon the personalizations, such as engravement or other customizations. The estimated base price of \$95 for women and \$100 for men. Students who are interested in purchasing a class ring must first meet with the Herff Jones representative, who will be at The U School on Friday, December 1st. Payment will be made directly to Herff Jones and student will receive their ring directly from Herff Jones. Please address any additional questions to Ms. Johnson (fjohnson@uschool.org).

Upcoming Senior Dates...

December 1st, 2017

- Senior Signing Day and Cap and Gown Measurement: The representative from Herff Jones will be on site to measure students for their caps and gowns. Class Ring information will also be available. **Senior Contracts must be returned by this date.

Graduation

June 11, 2018 at 5:45PM– The Irvine Auditorium, 3401 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Each senior is entitled to 10 graduation tickets. Requests for additional tickets must be submitted via email to Ms. Johnson (fjohnson@uschool.org). Requests for additional tickets will be fulfilled on a rolling basis and will depend upon final graduate number.

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony:

- Seniors must not need to attend summer school in order to receive their diplomas
**Please note: Seniors who attend summer school will receive their diploma once they have received summer school credit and cannot participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Seniors must have completed a Capstone project and presentation
- Seniors must close all reflections

Open Reflections

In order to participate in Senior Events, seniors may have no more than one open reflection at the time of the event. All reflections must be closed in order for a student to graduate. If a senior is suspended, they will not be allowed to participate in the senior event that immediately follows that suspension in the calendar. Additionally, they will not receive a refund of any payment they have made towards that event.

Additional Behavior Expectations

As seniors, members of the Class of 2018 are expected to set the standard of good conduct for all of the underclassmen at The U School. Habitually disruptive seniors, or seniors who blatantly disregard the school rules, including those who are chronically late and/or absent, will not only jeopardize their graduation privileges. Extensive disciplinary records or interventions linked to any senior student, will be handled on a case-by-case basis with input from the 12th grade teachers, Possi Leaders and Administration. **These expectations are extended to social media**

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as well.

Final Reminders

- Senior events are privileges.
 - Unless excused exceptions apply, you need to be present and on time to school and class if you plan on participating in senior events.
 - Behaviors that do not reflect well on you or The U School will put your participation in Senior events, including the graduation ceremony, at risk.
 - You are responsible for being current with owed money, materials, reflections and school work, including your Senior project and presentation.
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I understand the Class of 2018 Senior Contract:

By signing you are not indicating that you agree with all terms of the Senior Contract, but that you understand the terms of the Senior Contract. Please return your signed contract tear-off slip (keep the rest with you) to Ms. Johnson in Room 101.

Student Possi Name (Please Print): _____

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student Signature (Please Sign): _____ Date:

Guardian Signature (Please Sign): _____ Date:
