

HOME EDUCATION AGREEMENT

Between the Parties Hereinafter Referred to as

"The Learner" and "The Home Educator"

WHEREAS the parties have entered into a mutual arrangement for the purposes of home education; and **WHEREAS** both parties acknowledge that learning is, on balance, preferable to not learning; the following terms and conditions are hereby agreed upon, in good faith, by all signatories to this document.

PART I — OBLIGATIONS OF THE LEARNER

- 1.1 The Learner hereby agrees to approach all assigned core subjects with a reasonable degree of effort, which shall be defined as *more than zero*.
- 1.2 The Learner acknowledges that the phrase *"I'm bored"* shall not constitute grounds for the cessation of learning activities, though it may be noted for the record.
- 1.3 The Learner agrees to pursue at least one area of independent study per term, chosen freely by the Learner, hereinafter known as *The Thing They Actually Want To Do*.
- 1.4 The Learner agrees to read independently for a reasonable period each day. *"Reasonable"* shall be defined jointly and reviewed termly.
- 1.5 The Learner reserves the right to disagree with the Home Educator's methods, provided said disagreement is expressed calmly and with at least one supporting argument.

PART II — OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOME EDUCATOR

- 2.1 The Home Educator agrees to provide learning opportunities that are, to the best of their ability, *not completely tedious*.
- 2.2 The Home Educator acknowledges that the Learner's interests constitute valid educational content and agrees to incorporate same where reasonably practicable.
- 2.3 The Home Educator agrees not to assign work solely on the basis that *"it will be useful one day,"* without being able to provide at least a plausible explanation of how.
- 2.4 The Home Educator undertakes to distinguish, where possible, between their role as Educator and their role as Parent, and to deploy each appropriately.
- 2.5 The Home Educator acknowledges that the Learner is a person of considerable capability and agrees to treat them accordingly.

PART III — MUTUAL DECLARATIONS

- 3.1 Both parties agree that this term's focus shall include the following subjects:
- 3.2 Both parties agree that this agreement shall be reviewed at the end of term and may be renegotiated in good faith by either party.
- 3.3 Both parties acknowledge that home education is, despite occasional evidence to the contrary, a team effort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date written below