

**EL CHRISTIAN STUDIES
MEDIATION/ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

The parties to this agreement are Christians and believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with the Biblical injunctions of I Corinthians 6: 1-8, Matthew 5:23-34, and Matthew 18:15-20. Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising out of, or related to, this agreement or to any aspect of the school relationship, including claims under federal, state, and local statutory or common law, the law of contract, and law of court, shall be settled by biblically based mediation.

If resolution of the dispute and reconciliation do not result from mediation, the matter shall then be submitted to an independent and objective arbitrator for binding arbitration. The parties agree that the mediation and arbitration process will be conducted in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation" ("Rules") contained in the Peacemaker Ministries booklet *Guidelines for Christian Conciliation*. Consistent with these "Rules," each party to the agreement shall agree to the selection of the arbitrator. The parties agree that if there is an impasse in the selection of the arbitrator, the Institute for Christian Conciliation division of Peacemaker Ministries in Billings, Montana (406-256-1583), shall be asked to provide the name of a qualified person who will serve in that capacity. Consistent with the "Rules," the arbitrator shall issue a written opinion within a reasonable time.

The parties to this contract agree that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of the school relationship or this agreement, and they expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit against one another in any civil court for such disputes, except to enforce a legally binding arbitration decision. The parties to this agreement have had an opportunity to consult legal counsel before signing this agreement.

I/We the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____
agree to abide by the above statement. (A copy of the Guidelines for Christian
Conciliation Handbook is kept in the school office for anyone's perusal.)

Signature: Father _____
 Mother _____
 Guardian _____
 Guardian _____
 Date _____