



BOARD MEMBER PLEDGE 2019 – 2020

Mission: The Rise School is a nonprofit Austin preschool, serving children ages **12** months through **5** years of age, whose mission is to provide the highest quality early childhood education for all children in an inclusive setting, where individualized learning techniques enable every child to achieve their maximum potential.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Rise School of Austin, I agree to:

- 1) serve as an advocate and exemplary representative of The Rise School of Austin by defining and interpreting the organization's mission, values and goals to the community at large;
- 2) focus on the impact that issues and decisions have on the long-term strategic direction and future sustainability of the school;
- 3) acquire, conserve and manage the organization's resources in a responsible manner and ensure fiscal solvency;
- 4) review and set policy that is consistent with the mission of the school;
- 5) insist that the school consistently practices proper financial discipline, including budgeting and planning, accurate reporting, regular independent audits, and its overall handling of financial resources with the highest degree of integrity;
- 6) actively serve on at least one Rise School Board Committee;
- 7) agree to serve for a three (3) year commitment;
- 8) make The Rise School of Austin a priority for my philanthropic giving and assist the Rise staff in reaching its fundraising goals (operational and capital);
- 9) prepare responsibly for and attend board and committee meetings on a consistent basis, and to notify the Chair or Director in advance if I am unable to attend any full meeting;
- 10) treat all Board matters as confidential until the Board has had a chance to consider the matter and make any relevant announcements to the general public;
- 11) conduct myself in a manner consistent with the bylaws of the school, including the fact that the Board has one employee, the Director of the school, and that they do not work for me but for the Board as a whole;
- 12) participate in at least one major Rise School event each year and school functions;
- 13) commit to bringing 3 or more potential donors or prospective students to tour the school each year;
- 14) spend at least one morning at The Rise School per year to meet the families, staff and students we serve

Rise Board Member – PRINTED

Rise Chairperson – PRINTED

Rise Board Member – Signature

Date

Rise Chairperson – Signature

Date