

## CLD Family Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my student has been accepted into the Center for Learning Differences at St. Thomas University (STU). To ensure my student continues to benefit from this opportunity at STU, I agree to abide by the following terms, conditions, and expectations:

- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that STU is a non-degree, certificate program. However, students will earn credits toward certificates approved and recognized by the university.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand the CLD program is designed to provide students with an authentic university experience, and direct instructor contact or supervision is not always available from CLD staff. My student must possess the prerequisite skills necessary to interact safely on campus.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that STU is a degree program. Students will earn credits toward a bachelor's degree that the university approves and recognizes.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that one of the goals of CLD is to prepare students for employment, and I will actively support my student in securing integrated, competitive employment (15-20 hours per week) to meet the program's graduation requirement.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my student will be enrolled in college-level courses and is expected to adhere to their semester schedule, attend class on time, and complete assignments with an appropriate level of independent support.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my student is responsible for transportation to and from STU, and I will assist my student in arranging his or her transportation.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my student will take classes on campus throughout the program.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I should attend all scheduled meetings with program staff (e.g., Program Orientation, Student Planning Meeting, Parent Debriefing).
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may be responsible for costs related to tuition, fees, and other expenses (e.g., books, meals, supplies, etc.).
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the program does not provide meals for my student and that a financial commitment for meals is expected.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that some of the program's opportunities for students may occur outside of the university's scheduled hours and may take place off the STU campus.

- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that family support is a fundamental expectation of the CLD program.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, as with any program provided in the community, there are associated risks, and I am willing to accept those risks without holding STU or its employees liable.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my student must commit to maintaining a 2.0 (C average) GPA or higher with no failing grades in any courses. A failing grade is defined as a 'D' letter grade or below.
- Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the first semester is a probationary period, and my students' continued participation in the program will depend on their dedication, commitment, and effort throughout the semester. Students may be dismissed from the program if they engage in any behavior that is deemed inappropriate or unsafe toward themselves or others.

I have read the above terms, conditions, and expectations and agree to accept my students' placement in the STU CLD program. I understand that my student may not fully enjoy the program if we do not adhere to the terms outlined in the agreement.

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Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

CLD Director Signature & Date