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Dear Parents/Guardian:

WOW! Another school year is quickly approaching. We are looking forward to seeing every student enter the doors of Advantage Academy on the first day of school. This year, our school term begins **Monday, August 29th** and ends **Tuesday, June 12th**.

WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TO HELP ENSURE YOUR CHILD SUCCEEDS each and every year. Our administrators, teachers and staff are committed to your child's success, BUT WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE!

Our desire is that each of our students be sufficiently educated and properly prepared for their future higher education after graduation from Advantage Academy and, to know, understand and use their strengths and gifts, to be trained and equipped with leadership skills and to be prepared for success. In order to accomplish this, we are making a commitment to our parents that we will do the following:

COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY TO PARENTS INCLUDING:

- All teachers have an email account for parent communication
- School calendars, School newsletters and parent/teacher conferences
- A parent portal for parents to access and stay informed of student grades
- A parent notification system
- New NAVIANCE software for college and career guidance counseling and tracking system
- Continual updates on our website, www.advantageisd.org

PROVIDE A VARIETY OF **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS** INCLUDING:

- Academic Assistance and extended learning opportunities
- Periodic Adult classes, such as ESL, etc.
- Intervention classes and labs to provide intensive instruction
- Leadership development
- Character training and community involvement opportunities
- Other academic opportunities, including technology classes, UIL academics, spelling bees, etc.

ENSURE **QUALITY TEACHING** AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS:

- Highly qualified teachers who are trained in "thinking" strategies
- Development and training in college readiness standards
- Teaching creative and problem solving skills
- Developing 21st century learners through technology and global awareness
- Inspiring and motivating students to succeed
- Teacher role-models of character and passion

Parents, thank you for your decision to enroll your child at Advantage Academy. We look forward to a successful academic year!

Sincerely,

Angie McDonald

Assistant Superintendent