**Nimitz High School Pre-AP English Contract 2013-2014**

The NHS English Department is committed to providing an environment in which all students have equal access to Pre-AP and Advanced Placement (AP) classes. Students enrolling in a Pre-AP or AP English class are demonstrating a willingness to meet the rigor of this accelerated curriculum.

A Pre-AP/AP English course offers material that is intellectually stimulating and challenges students beyond the scope of regular classroom work; assumes a mastery of the basics required for further study in a given area; emphasizes the quality of work over the quantity of work; demands use of higher order thinking skills including abstract reasoning, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation; requires a proven student work ethic and full engagement in learning; and promotes the use of variety of in-depth performance tasks and assessments.

Statistics show that students who are enrolled in Pre-AP and AP courses have a much higher rate of success in post-secondary education. This means that you have already taken a step in the right direction to prepare yourself for life after high school.

*Participation in Pre-AP/AP English classes requires a student to:*

• demonstrate a high level of student independence and responsibility

•demonstrate independent mastery equivalent to a college level course (AP)

• complete the required summer work to be appropriately prepared for the course

• follow the IISD Grading Policy 2013-2014

The expectation is that all students and their parent/guardian(s) sign this contract to acknowledge that the student is making an informed decision regarding enrollment in a Pre-AP or AP English class.

Printed Name Student Signature Date

Printed Name Parent Signature Date

I am excited about providing an opportunity for your student to take such a rigorous academic course, and I commend both you and your child for accepting this challenging opportunity.

Thank you,

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