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ACADEMIC GUARANTEE

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Because the Rogers School District believes in the concept of accountability, it provides the following guarantee to the graduates of a Rogers high school:

For any Rogers graduate who meets all of the following conditions and is then required to take remedial courses upon admission to a public college or university in Arkansas, the Rogers School District agrees to reimburse the student for the full tuition for such remedial courses. (If a student enters a public institution outside of Arkansas, or a private institution, the school district will pay remedial tuition comparable to in-state tuition at a public institution in Arkansas.)

To qualify for this tuition payment, the student must:

1. Complete all courses specified as Core requirements by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) and the student's college. The ADHE core requirements currently include the following:
 - 4 units of English, with emphasis on writing skills (not to include courses in oral communication, journalism, drama, or debate)
 - 3 units of science, with laboratories
 - 4 units of math, including Algebra I and II, geometry and one at a higher level than Algebra II
 - 3 units of social studies, including 1 of American history, 1 of world history, ½ civics and ½ economics
 - Complete the Smart Core requirements as specified by the Arkansas Department of Education.
2. Have a grade point average of at least 2.50 in these core requirements at graduation.
3. Have taken the ACT (national college admission test) prior to April of the junior year.
4. Have successfully completed an ACT preparatory program or any comparable program at the conclusion of the junior year, if the most recent ACT score in math or English was below the remedial level, as determined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (currently set at 19).
5. Have successfully completed a recommended course of study during the senior year, if the most recent ACT score in math or English was below the remedial level.
6. Have taken the ACT at least once in the spring semester of the senior year, if previous scores were not above remedial levels.
7. Have successfully completed an ACT preparatory program or any comparable program at the conclusion of the senior year, if the most recent ACT score was below the remedial level.
8. Have an average attendance rate of at least 95% for grades 9-12.
9. Have been a full-time student enrolled in the Rogers Public Schools for the five years prior to graduation.
10. Have enrolled in college no later than the spring semester of the school year following graduation from a Rogers high school.

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