

Student Behavior Contract

A written agreement between a student and a teacher. Both sides make commitments. Both sides sign.

Student: _____

Class / period: _____

Teacher: _____

Start date: _____

1. The goal, in one sentence

Written with the student, in words the student would actually use. What will be different?

2. Specific behaviors (no more than three)

Observable and stated positively: what the student WILL do, not what they will stop doing.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. What I (the student) commit to

4. What I (the teacher) commit to

The support the teacher will provide: a cue, a seat change, a check-in, extra time, a private signal.

5. How we will know it's working

Who tracks it, how often, and what counts as a good day. Use the tracker on page 2.

6. When it goes well / if it slips

Recognition the student actually values. If it slips: a conversation first, then a revised contract - never a surprise.

Goes well: _____

If it slips: _____

Review date (2-4 weeks out): _____ Contract ends: _____

Signatures

Student / date

Teacher / date

Family member (optional) / date

Weekly Check-In Tracker

Fill in together for two minutes at the end of each day or class. The student rates first.

Student: _____ Week of: _____

Scale: 2 = did it all period 1 = did it some of the period 0 = not today. Write the behaviors from Section 2.

Behavior	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1.					
2.					
3.					
Student rating total					
Teacher rating total					

End-of-week conversation (5 minutes)

Student answers first. The teacher listens before responding.

What went better this week than last week?

Which day was hardest, and what was going on?

Is there anything I (the teacher) should do differently?

Do we keep the contract as written, adjust it, or finish it?

Ground rules that keep a contract respectful

- Write it WITH the student, not for them. If they did not help write it, it is a list of your rules.
- Keep it private. A behavior contract is never posted, displayed, or discussed in front of classmates.
- Hold your side. A teacher commitment that is skipped teaches the student the contract is one-sided.
- Plan the ending. Most contracts should be finished, not renewed forever.