

Probation Acceptance – Older and Questionable students



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From time to time we are asked to accept or extend students who would normally be ineligible due to

- a) poor academic performance
- b) the fact that they have graduated
- c) their age.

Typically we would not accept such students as we want students in our program who are academically and socially able to participate in classes, and who have a realistic chance of success. Additionally we do not want to cause an unreasonable amount of work or disruption from the classroom teacher's normal duties.

If a partner / parent can vouch for a student's performance and behaviour, we *may* choose to give them an opportunity to attend on a "Probation Contract"

Essentially this contract reinforces that the student is expected to

- a) attend all classes
- b) do all homework and assignments
- c) follow all of the programs rules and expectations
- d) exhibit a good attitude in school and at home

If the student can do those things, they will be allowed to study in our program and we will support them as much as we are able. If a student is not satisfying any of the above requirements and is not making a legitimate effort to rectify any behaviours that we address with them, we will send them home.

We are happy to give deserving students an opportunity to come and study and have a great experience. We want them to have fun, we want them to socialize, but first and foremost we are a public school program run by the Ministry of Education, not Disneyland, and as such abiding by our rules is a strict requirement, not an option.

The majority of students who we have accepted in the past under these conditions have come and had a great time, however over the years there have been a couple who thought that the rules did not apply to them.....and so they went home early. We are reasonable people and we want students to succeed, but if they are not being reasonable in return and following our directions, then we will revoke the opportunity that we have extended to them.

So while we do not accept many of these students, and do not want to attract problematic applications, please don't hesitate to ask us if you have a student who you genuinely think will make an effort to succeed if they are given the right environment and opportunity.