

FAMILY PROMISES

As a Hero, I promise to:

Work hard and play hard.

I will give my best effort and celebrate life with joy, curiosity, and fun.

Make courageous choices.

I will step outside my comfort zone, face challenges with courage, and stand for what is right.

Keep my promises and take responsibility.

When I fall short, I will own my mistakes and accept natural consequences—growing stronger with each experience.

As your Parent, I promise to:

Choose a Hero's Journey for myself.

At Acton Academy, we believe the Hero's Journey is for everyone—not just our children. Parents commit to embracing challenges, learning from failure, and rejecting victimhood. They seek growth through books, meaningful work, and self-improvement—showing their children that the Hero's Journey is a lifelong adventure.

Embrace Acton Academy as a self-paced, learner-driven environment.

At Acton, real learning doesn't follow a rigid schedule. Parents trust their children to take ownership of their education, relationships, and community. They see character and habits as the foundation of learning and embrace the ups and downs of growth.

Allow my child to fail early, cheaply, and often.

Failure is a necessary part of growth. Parents at Acton Academy resist the urge to rescue or fix; instead, they will trust the studio environment and tools designed for learners to solve their own problems. Parents see their children not as victims, but as heroes capable of courageous action.

Celebrate progress and reinforce responsible choices at home.

True learning takes time and reflection. Acton Academy parents stay curious, recognize opportunities to celebrate effort, and remove distractions like gaming, social media, or excessive screen time. They establish clear boundaries and offer real responsibility—fostering deep work, creativity, and growth at home.

Make and Maintain a Family Plan.

Intentional families thrive with clarity and purpose. Acton Academy parents commit to creating and regularly updating a Family Plan—aligning on values, setting goals, and holding family meetings. This shared vision fosters unity, encourages ownership, and models the discipline of living a meaningful life by design, not by default.

OUR PROMISES

As Acton Academy, we promise you will:

Begin a Hero's Journey.

At Acton Academy, we believe every child is a genius who deserves to find a calling that will change the world. The Hero's Journey is about embracing challenges, learning from failure, and making courageous choices. Through real-world challenges, Socratic discussions, and personal goal-setting, learners build the courage and perseverance needed to take ownership of their journey.

Learn to be a curious, independent, lifelong learner.

Instead of passively absorbing information, learners at Acton Academy take charge of their learning by asking questions, solving problems, and following their curiosity. They set goals, track progress, and push themselves to master new skills—developing the habits of lifelong learning.

Develop a deep respect for economic, political, and religious freedoms.

At Acton Academy, learners don't just study freedom—they experience it. They make real choices about how to spend their time, contribute to their community, and govern themselves. They also step into the shoes of historical heroes, facing tough decisions where they must weigh personal liberty against the greater good. Through these experiences, they learn that freedom comes with responsibility and see firsthand how their actions impact others in a civil society.

Cherish the arts, wonders of the physical world, and the mysteries of life on Earth.

A deep appreciation for beauty, creativity, and the unknown enriches life. Whether through art, nature, stories, or scientific exploration, learners cultivate a sense of wonder. They engage in discussions, hands-on projects, and creative expression that inspire curiosity, deepen their connection to the world, and foster a lifelong love of learning.

Discover your most precious gifts and learn to use them to serve others.

Every learner has unique gifts and interests. Acton provides opportunities for self-discovery through real-world challenges, apprenticeships, and meaningful work. Over time, learners discover who they are and how they can use their gifts to serve others in a way that brings them joy.

GUIDE PROMISES

As a Guide at Acton Academy, I promise to:

Deliver on Acton Academy's promises to parents.

Guides uphold the integrity of the learner-driven model and protect the studio as a sacred space where freedom and responsibility are balanced, and challenge leads to growth. Powered by Acton Academy Network's world-class learning design, guides offer powerful questions and meaningful challenges that help deliver on Acton's promises to families.

Inspire, equip, and connect learners until no longer needed.

Guides don't manage or direct—they inspire, equip, and connect. They inspire by offering a compelling "why", equip with world-class tools, and connect through vulnerable sharing, shared challenges, and celebrations. Over time, they disappear as learners become fully self-managing and self-governing.

Never answer questions.

Rather than give answers, guides use Socratic questions, growth-minded encouragement, and proven frameworks to equip learners to think independently. They treat questions as opportunities for deeper thinking, helping learners build the confidence and creativity needed to navigate a complex world.

Offer growth mindset praise.

Guides celebrate effort, courage, and progress—not just outcomes. In doing so, they instill confidence and resilience on each learner's Hero's Journey.

Uphold broad studio guardrails to protect the tribe.

Guides maintain emotional and physical safety by upholding the studio's broad but firm boundaries. When those guardrails are crossed, they act swiftly and consistently. They listen with empathy, encourage honesty, and create space for reflection—ensuring failure becomes a powerful tool for growth.