



## Application and Contract

Welcome to the Everest Academy High School R.I.S.E Program. This program is being initiated this year as part of our new high school. Students who satisfactorily meet the requirements for the program over the course of the 4 years, will be recognized at Senior Awards Night and will receive a medal to be worn at graduation commencement.

One of the distinctive characteristics of Muslim Americans is our conviction that each individual can make a difference through volunteer service. This assurance is reflected in the recent trend of colleges and universities requesting, and in some cases, requiring community service involvement as one of the criteria for admission. The R.I.S.E Program provides Everest students with the opportunity to get involved through voluntary service at the local level and to make a difference in their neighborhoods and communities.

The R.I.S.E Program works as follows: To be recognized, students must serve a total of 100 hours over their four years in high school. Participation is voluntary and students may not be paid for any service they perform. The required hours must meet all the guidelines in effect at the time the student enters ninth grade.

The guidelines and service documentation forms may be downloaded from the Everest website: [www.everest-academy.com/highschool](http://www.everest-academy.com/highschool). The school Student Council will provide many volunteer opportunities throughout the year to all students. Additionally, the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce website, [www.ftbendcc.org](http://www.ftbendcc.org), lists many community service opportunities. As long as the activity meets the guidelines, it may count for R.I.S.E Program hours. Prior approval is suggested to eliminate the possibility that a particular activity will not count.

All services must be documented on a R.I.S.E Program Service Documentation form (available on our website). The form must be filled out completely and signed by a representative of the organization where the volunteering took place. On-going hours may be turned in at the end of the year and must be accompanied by an appropriate log of the dates and times when the student performed the service. Falsification of documentation will result in removal from the program.

The student should keep copies of all documentation submitted to the R.I.S.E Program for their records in the white binders provided by the school. A detailed log of hours will also be maintained by students within the same binder. All service documentation forms must be signed off by the Vice Principal to receive credit. Any questions should be addressed to **Sr. Shahinda (High School Coordinator – [sabdalahman@everest-academy.com](mailto:sabdalahman@everest-academy.com))** \* \* \*

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I understand that to fulfill the requirements of the R.I.S.E Program, I must complete the required hours before the end of my senior year. I further understand that I must submit documentation to the R.I.S.E Program office – the Coordinators office.

Student name (Print)\_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_