

Best Practice Submission Form

School Name:	Founders Academy
Best Practice Title:	After School Detention
Applicable Categories:	 Accountability and Performance Monitoring Business Operations Community/Student Engagement Curriculum Design Fundraising Leadership & Governance Professional Development Recruitment and Retention (Staff or Student) School Culture Other _Discipline Practices
School Mission:	The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 5-12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. The Academy recognizes the importance of balance in the development of the whole person, and respects each student's journey. Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.
Purpose:	Students who have behavior infractions and/or are truant from school will be assigned After School Detention by their teacher (for infractions inside the classroom) or an administrator (for infractions outside the classroom). After School Detention will not be assigned until other methods of discipline have been attempted first.
Summary:	 Teachers will go over the rules of After School Detention before sending the student and will ensure the student knows which work to bring that was missed. Teachers will follow up with the Dean of Students (and any administrators involved) who conducts After School Detention to collaborate regarding student behavioral outcomes. Parents will be notified by the teacher/administrator initiating the After School Detention when it is assigned, and it will be scheduled together with the approval of the parent. There is no late bus; parents are to pick their student up at 4:10pm when Detention ends.



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Detention will not be assigned on the day of the infraction. The parent/guardian may request a Tuesday/Thursday as soon as possible after the infraction; no After School Detention may be assigned until the parent/guardian has given approval. Should the student no attend their assigned After School Detention as designated (except for illness with accompanying parent note), the student will be assigned additional consequences, as determined by the teacher/administrator in collaboration with a Dean of Students.

Partner(s) in Development:

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Documentation

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RULES FOR AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

- 1. All school rules and policies are in effect. Students are expected to obey the requests of After School Detention staff, and to honor the Founders Academy Code of Conduct.
- 2. Students must bring schoolwork, books, and study materials. They will not be admitted without work to do. They will also participate in learning community protocols to learn about behavior expectations; no student in After School Detention may refuse to participate in this work. This will result in other, more serious disciplinary action, up to and including suspension. Students agree to return to their teacher's class or to an administrator (when appropriate) following After School Detention with an effort to make serious reparations for their misbehavior.
- 3. The only acceptable excuse for missing an After School Detention is illness, which must be supported by a parent's note. Students may not reschedule After School Detention assignments. Only a parent/guardian may reschedule the assignment via phone call or note. In case of family emergency on the day of After School Detention, only a parent or guardian may phone to inform the school of absence.
- 4. Students must sign in and out of After School Detention.
- 5. Students must arrive to After School Detention a few minutes early, and will not be admitted if they are late.
- 6. No talking once After School Detention begins, except to respond during the learning community protocols.
- 7. Food or drink is not allowed. (Water is allowable)
- 8. No SLEEPING. Students must keep eyes open at all times.
- Headphones, iPods, MP3 Players, or any other electronic devices are not allowed in After School Detention. Cell phones must be TURNED OFF and must remain in a backpack or bag. Using electronic devices during School Detention will be cause for immediate dismissal.
- 10. Students failing to adhere to any of these rules may be sent home and will be subject to other, more serious consequences, including suspension.