Thank you for your interest in the West Valley College EOPS Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Academy. EOPS is pleased to offer this innovative academic program and we are committed to your academic success! The PAL Academy will provide you with a book loan for your math course, Supplemental Instruction (SI) and access to a peer tutor that can meet on your schedule. Our goal is to connect you with the resources needed for college success! Please be prepared to adhere to the following contract and become a PAL Academy Member.

**PAL Academy Requirements:**
1. Participate in a weekly Faculty-led SI session.
2. Meet with a student tutor for 2 hours per week to complete your course-work.
3. Follow the Guidelines set forth below to ensure the success of you and your PAL Academy student peers.

**Supplemental Instruction - SI:** The primary aspect of the PAL Academy is SI, where students meet in small groups with a West Valley Math Instructor for a weekly 1-hour session. SI sessions are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:00 pm, in the EOPS Math Lab.

**Schedule:** Please indicate which PAL SI Session you are signing up for by checking the box on the left.

**Tutoring:** PAL Academy Students will meet with a Peer Tutor, one-on-one or in groups of two to three other PAL Members, to work on homework and get assistance with their course. This peer-to-peer work is highly effective, as students are able to help each other solve problems and coordinate their time efficiently.

**Guidelines:** In order to maintain services, including textbook loan and tutoring services, students are asked to follow these guidelines while participating in the PAL Academy.

1) Be punctual and present: PAL Academy members must attend the 1-hour/week SI session and 2-hour peer tutoring sessions. Please arrive on time for your SI and tutoring sessions.

2) Be prepared: Students are expected to come to their tutoring sessions with questions from their math class and homework assignments. SI Faculty and tutors are here to provide new skills & strategies to help you learn and retain knowledge and offer new study skills.

3) Be courteous: Refrain from using mobile phones or having personal conversations during tutoring sessions. Show respect to your fellow students by staying engaged in the tutoring session.

Your personal success depends on your own attitude, commitment, effort and determination. Collaboration between your instructor and tutors is essential to provide you with proper guidance along the pathway to success. EOPS is here to foster your success – it is up to you to make that goal a reality!

As a member of the EOPS PAL Academy, I hereby agree to abide by the above responsibilities and understand that not doing so may cause my dismissal from the program and loss of book loan.

Student I.D. __________________ Math Course/Section ______________ Instructor: __________________

Name: ___________________________ Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

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