# Student Contract

If you are determined eligible for the MESA Program, you are agreeing to follow the student contract below. **FULFILLMENT OF THE STUDENT CONTRACT IS PART OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN GPC-MESA.** This Student Contract is intended to help you get the most out of the available MESA services, while helping to develop your academic and professional skills. Please read the contract carefully, in order to fully understand what will be expected of you as an active MESA student.

## Your Commitment to MESA

As a student participant in Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) MESA Program, I will:

- **Attend MESA Student Orientation;**
- **Spend a minimum of ten hours a month during September, October & November in the MESA center which will be used actively studying on classroom material;**
- **Participate in Academic Excellence Workshops (AEWs) if offered in for current classes;**
- **Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA or above;**
- **Attend at least two STEM-related activities which can include but are not limited to student success workshops offered by the SGA or the Office of Advising, Counseling and Retention; presentations, industry tours, or guest speakers;**
- **Participate in competitions or field trips;**
- **Submit a resume to the MESA coordinator;**
- **Utilize the MESA Student Center to build a strong, caring, and welcoming learning community for underrepresented students in STEM;**
- **Participate in MESA outreach events in the community;**
- **Recruit new students and promote MESA. This can be on campus, in classes, MESA information sessions, or off campus at high schools or community events. The best way to share what MESA is from our students themselves;**
- **Attend end of semester celebration events;**
- **Expect excellence from myself and other MESA students.**

## MESA’s Commitment to You

In return, GPC MESA will:

- **Encourage essential skills for academic/professional success through focused student orientation;**
- **Provide collaborative learning techniques in weekly Academic Excellence Workshops to encourage mastery of key STEM concepts;**
- **Collaborate with you on a student success plan to ensure your success at GPC and beyond;**
- **Provide access to select textbooks and equipment (e.g., computers, calculators) to support academic success;**
- **Ensure four-year university transfer requirements are met;**
- **Provide opportunities to visit four-year university campuses;**
- **Integrate academics and intended careers through industry participation in design competitions, field trips, mentorship, internships, and other;**
- **Offer financial assistance (scholarships/stipends) to qualified students;**
- **Assist in identifying/securing external scholarships and fellowships;**
- **Provide a dedicated MESA Center that supports a program of activities and allows students to study, access computers, and socialize;**
- **Offer supportive communities to encourage student success and leadership;**
- **Recognize student accomplishments.**

## Authorization and Liability

I give my permission for the MESA Coordinator and designated staff to use my photograph and/or quotes for MESA related press releases, information and media material, especially in promoting my success and achievements. I understand that my refusal will not impact my In-Take Eligibility, and that I may, in writing, withdraw my consent. **Yes**  **No**

By applying to the GPC MESA Community College Program, I understand that I give my permission to obtain information about my academic performance from colleges and testing agencies, financial aid and other offices to determine eligibility for the MCCP and data research. This information will not be reported to any agency in a way that would identify the student. I may be asked to provide additional information for eligibility determination. I further understand that if eligible, my academic information will be used for reporting and grant purposes, scholarship disbursement, academic tracking, and otherwise account of my performance. **I certify that I have provided true and correct information.**

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