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Dear Hoops 101 Academy Parent—

We are excited about the opportunity to teach and coach your son or daughter this fall. A special thanks to all of you for trusting Hoops 101 as we embark on a new stage of basketball instruction. The time is right to open up our organization to higher level training, and we are honored that you have chosen to be part of the first of what we hope to be many higher-level academies. This letter will outline a couple of guidelines and expectations for the coming weeks. Here are some important items for the session.

- ★ **PARENTS WELCOME:** Parents are welcome to watch any part of the gym session. We ask that you don't communicate with your son or daughter during this time, however, so that we can ensure that their focus is on the coaches giving instruction. We are proud of our Academy, and are hopeful you will play an active role in reviewing notes and reminding participants to complete their weekly assignments and practice some of the drills and techniques demonstrated during the Academy.
- ★ **WHAT TO BRING:** Each participant should bring a basketball (with their name on it), a notebook (1-subject or something small with pockets would be ideal), pen or pencil, and a gym bag or backpack to store their supplies when they are not in use.
- ★ **CLASSROOM SESSIONS:** We will start every Sunday afternoon with a 30-minute classroom session from 1:30-2:00 pm. It is one of the goals of the Academy to give the athletes some drills, concepts and leadership tips to help them "stand out" when they hit the court for their respective teams. **Please pick up participants at 4 pm.**
 - Academy participants will take notes--they should come prepared with a pen or pencil and a notebook.
 - We will give out handouts for them to organize their notes and encourage you to review their notes with them when they go home.
 - The classroom is optional but highly encouraged. We feel that players in grades 6-11 should attend as they will be in highest competition for spots on their respective teams. Those in 4th and 5th grades will surely get something out of it, but it will be higher level topics so we understand if some kids choose to pass. We hope to one day include some video with the classroom session down the road.
- ★ **INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM WEBSITE:** We will ask players to complete a short online assignment each week when they are away from us. We will give them a username and login where they will be able to log in and complete surveys, quizzes and other interactive activities when they are not with us.
 - Hoops Classroom Website: <http://www.quia.com/pages/nterroba/hoopschool>
- ★ **LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING:** As this is the first Academy, we will be asking for your opinions and the opinions of your players when they are done. We hope this will be challenging and rewarding—it will definitely not be a baby-sitting service. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please give me a call at **(512) 784-3399**. We are always looking for ways to improve Hoops 101. To that end, your feedback is invaluable. Drop us an email (help@hoops101camp.com) and let us know how we are doing. Thanks.

Yours in Hoops,

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