



K-12 STUDENTS HONOR CODE

Why Have a Code of Conduct?

King Benjamin famously taught that “the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless he yields to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father” (Mosiah 3:19). Most of the tenets of the school’s honor code come from revelatory sources pertinent to proper conduct (e.g., the *For the Strength of Youth* standards). In cases where the school has authored its own tenets on topics unique to education (e.g., plagiarism and academic-integrity standards), the school strives to align its tenets with true principles.

What if I Don’t Like a Certain Rule?

It is perfectly normal to not agree with every rule (in fact, it would be abnormal for an individual to not dislike at least one rule within a broad code of conduct). It is impossible to structure a code of conduct that aligns perfectly with everyone’s ideals. Each individual’s life will be full of opportunities to join organizations (clubs, neighborhoods, businesses, cities, etc.) whose rules don’t match all of the individual’s preferences. The individual can still choose to join an organization, commit to follow all rules (not just those that are liked), and maintain integrity thereafter by keeping their earlier commitment. The responsible individual then works from a position of integrity to influence an organization and pursue desired change (maintaining integrity no matter the outcome). Students who find themselves in a position of not agreeing with one or more rules are afforded an opportunity to exercise the kind of commitment-keeping integrity that will serve them well throughout their life.

My Understanding

I understand that American Heritage School exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I also understand that this atmosphere is preserved through my voluntary commitment to live in accordance with those ideals and principles “at all times and . . . in all places” (Mosiah 18:9), and that this commitment is a specific condition of admission and employment at American Heritage School for all students, faculty and staff. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct, except church attendance.

My Commitment

As a representative of American Heritage School, I acknowledge and commit to maintain the standards set forth in the American Heritage School Honor Code*.

***Full details of the Honor Code standard can be found on the school’s website and in the Honor Code section of the Welcome Guide.**

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A SEPARATE PAPER COPY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Student Name

Student Signature

Grade