

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Student(s)

CODE OF EXPECTATIONS

The student developed Code of Expectations establishes behaviors, attitudes, and actions that promote responsibility and success in school. These expectations are based on the 40 Developmental Assets®* and categories which were identified as building blocks of healthy youth development. The eight Asset categories are: **support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies, and positive identity.** It is the duty of the parent to:

- Teach the student to assume responsibility for learning and for conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others;
- Ensure the student's daily attendance in school and notify the school when a student is absent, tardy, or leaving early from school;
- Ensure the student's arrival at school on time;
- Provide encouragement and discipline aimed at motivating the student toward responsible behavior and participation within the school setting;
- Read and understand the "Code of Conduct"
- Sign the "Code of Conduct" agreement which is provided
- Ensure that the student is appropriately dressed for school as determined by the dress code which is developed cooperatively by students, parent(s), and school staff (students who come to school without proper dress or personal cleanliness may be sent home to be prepared properly for school);
- Provide such books, materials, instruments, uniforms, and equipment as are required for effective participation in the school program;
- Know promotion and graduation requirements as published each year for middle school and high school students in the "Course Catalog";
- Provide emergency information, including a local telephone number, to the school to ensure that the school will have immediate contact with the parent in case of an emergency;
- Provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, and/or immigration documentation; physical examination; record of the completed series of immunizations; and social security number, where applicable, as required by the Virginia Code, upon initial entry to school;
- Schedule conferences during normal working hours; and
- Understand that drugs and weapons, as described in the "Code of Conduct," will not be tolerated at school activities on property owned by the School Board; when going to and from school and bus stops; on school buses and at bus stops; in cases involving off-site, school sponsored activities such as field trips, sporting events, and club activities; and that violators are subject to expulsion.

Note to Parents:

Under Virginia law, parents have a duty to assist the school in enforcing the standards of student conduct and compulsory school attendance. Parents have a responsibility to know the "Code of Conduct," promote proper student conduct, assist the school with the discipline of the student, and meet with school officials if requested to discuss matters related to discipline and school attendance.

The law also requires that parents sign a statement showing that they know their responsibilities.

This form (page 42) will be sent home with students to be given to parents during the first week of school or given to them at the time of registration, and will be available online. The School Board may ask the court to act against any parents who fail to return the signed form or fail to fulfill their responsibilities. The court may impose a fine or order parents to participate in efforts to improve students' behavior.