

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.**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CODE OF EXPECTATIONS

As a caring and responsible student in Appomattox County Schools, **I pledge to:**

GRADES K-2:

- Ask for help if I need it
- Find opportunities to help adults and friends
- Obey rules and stay out of bad situations
- Practice, be honest, and take care of property
- Do my best and complete all of my schoolwork and homework
- Be honest and always tell the truth
- Be a good friend and not bully others
- Be proud of who I am and not be intimidated by others

GRADES 3-5:

- Ask for help if I need it
- Communicate positively with adults
- Find opportunities to help adults and friends
- Become involved in school/community activities
- Obey rules and stay out of bad situations
- Encourage other students to be good role models
- Practice, be honest, and take care of property
- Become active after homework by participating in activities with friends and family
- Do my best and complete all of my schoolwork and homework
- Treat adults and other students with respect
- Be honest and always tell the truth
- Stand up for myself and others, and be a role model
- Be a good friend and not bully others
- Try to understand the feelings of others
- Be proud of who I am and not be intimidated by others
- Be a good influence to younger children

MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF EXPECTATIONS

As a caring and responsible student in Appomattox County Schools, **I pledge to:**

- Be respectful and encouraging to others
- Set good examples for other students in the classroom
- Communicate openly with parents, teachers, and school staff
- Encourage other students to make positive decisions
- Be a role model and promote safe decision-making by other students
- Follow the boundaries set by my family, school, and community
- Select friends and role models carefully
- Strive to do my best and not lower my expectations even if I sometimes fail
- Participate in more school activities and athletic teams
- Find a distraction-free place to study
- Use my time wisely; don't procrastinate when completing assignments
- Guide and encourage other students to do well in school
- Set a good example by ignoring negative influences around me
- Listen attentively in class and be a good role model for other students
- Take responsibility for my actions
- Control my behavior and refuse to do what I know is wrong
- Believe in the equality of all regardless of race, sex, religion, socio-economic background, or disability
- Respect students who may have backgrounds different from mine
- Plan ahead to make the right decisions
- Avoid inappropriate situations
- Participate in many different activities and motivate others to do so
- Find adult role models that provide me with support when I need to talk with someone
- Believe in myself

HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF EXPECTATIONS

As a caring and responsible student in Appomattox County Schools, **I pledge to:**

- Encourage my parents/guardians to be actively involved in my education and school activities
- Build open and healthy communication with the adults in my life
- Work to create a caring school environment
- Help my school and community to be viewed in a positive way by being a respected role model, making good decisions, and upholding responsibilities given to me
- Serve my school and community by volunteering to support activities which are beneficial and promote a safe school environment

- Conduct myself in ways which adults view as responsible so they will value my opinion due to my accountability and good reputation
- Cooperate with my teachers and other adults
- Cooperate with my family and neighborhood in order to establish clear rules for youth in my community
- Model positive and inspiring behavior that I see in other adults
- Become involved in an extracurricular activity to provide additional structure in my schedule
- Develop interests in different activities and expand/ broaden my involvement in the community
- Spread my time equally among different activities (school, home, & extracurricular activities)
- Abide by the rules and regulations in the “Code of Conduct” to further the education of myself and my peers
- Actively engage in school functions and demonstrate that I care about the well-being of my community
- Improve my education by being committed to completing my assignments and academic responsibilities
- Promote a more positive attitude that could influence others by equipping me with proper characteristics such as integrity and honesty
- Honor my positive values not only in a school environment, but in my everyday decisions by stressing the importance of a caring personality and working for equality
- Appreciate the positive values that influence me to be who I am and incorporate those values within our schools and communities
- Treat all of my peers equally regardless of their differences and backgrounds
- Plan ahead and use my knowledge to make positive decisions against negative peer pressure
- Use my empathy, sympathy, and friendship skills in order to resolve my conflicts non-violently
- Know that I have a sense of purpose
- Know my goals in life and be optimistic about my future
- Know what I want and create a plan to achieve it

Students, staff, and parents share the responsibility for an orderly and safe school environment. Information about drugs, weapons, or other factors which may be harmful to the school environment should be reported. Any attempt of retaliation for the reporting of “Code of Conduct” violations shall be addressed by corrective action up to and including expulsion. Students who have knowledge of drugs, weapons, violence, or other behaviors which may be harmful to others or to the school environment, may be subject to disciplinary action for failure to report such information to school authorities.

Following are some suggestions for reporting such information:

- Contact the school principal or other administrator.
- Dial the Appomattox County Bullying Hotline at **434-352-2071**.

Note: This is a recorded message system and should not be used in cases of emergency or when an immediate response may be required.

- Contact the Police in cases of emergency.

If a student discovers something in his or her possession which is not permitted at school, that student should report to an administrator or other staff member immediately. School staff responsible for initiating follow-up action shall take into consideration that the student voluntarily brought this to the attention of staff. Students should contact an administrator, teacher, or counselor immediately if they believe that they have been victims of discrimination, harassment, or other acts which violate the “Code of Conduct.”