

ATHS Student Contract

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Student Conduct

1. **I AGREE THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY EDUCATION AND I WILL STRIVE TO HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON A DAILY BASIS. I WILL SEEK TO IMPROVE MYSELF AS A STUDENT AND CITIZEN BY FOLLOWING THE GOALS, EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THE PARENT, STUDENT & SCHOOL COMPACT.**
2. I will show respect at all times to all adults. This includes teachers, administrators, support personnel and visitors. All staff members are expected to address inappropriate behavior and I will respect this responsibility.
3. I understand that the following actions may be grounds for immediate withdrawal from ATHS:
 - a. fighting, threatening and/ or intimidating, including verbal threats and extortion
 - b. possession of weapons, look-alikes, or anything construed as being harmful to others
 - c. "gang activity" while on campus, including but not limited to, hand signs, clothing, jewelry, graffiti, tagging, or any other related actions or behavior
 - d. if I am found to have plagiarized another person's work, cheated on an exam or otherwise misrepresented my skills and abilities on assignments or other evaluations
 - e. ATHS follows a zero-tolerance policy regarding drugs and alcohol. As a public school, ATHS is a High Profile Enforcement Area as defined by ARS 13-3411. Students found under the influence of, in possession of or using alcohol, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia or prescription drugs, will be referred to the local police department and/or suspended from school -- at that time, ATHS may begin the expulsion or long-term suspension process.

Educational Atmosphere

4. I will not have CD players, DVD players, walkmans, digital music players, portable electronic games or similar devices, headphones, laser pointers, or any other item construed as being disruptive or nonessential to ATHS in plain view during instructional hours, unless deemed appropriate by the teacher. I understand that I may not have these items in plain sight unless I have the express permission from the teacher. **I also understand that these items can be confiscated and may be HELD FOR 24 HOURS.**
 - a. If I utilize any of the aforementioned items while on the way to school, upon arriving to school, I will store these items in my personal bag or backpack in the office until I leave the school campus.
5. ATHS recognizes the convenience provided by cell phones. However, we also recognize that cell phone use during class is disruptive and inappropriate. Therefore, if I have a cell phone, I will turn it to **OFF, VIBRATE** or **SILENT** while in class and store my phone so that it is not in view of the teacher or other students. **I understand that if my phone is seen or heard by an ATHS staff member during class, it may be confiscated and may be HELD FOR 24 HOURS.**
 - a. I understand that I will not receive personal phone calls during school hours. Necessary or emergency phone calls from parents/guardians will be taken at the office and a message will be delivered to me as necessary.
6. As a student over 18, living at home, I understand that my parents/guardians will be notified for signing in and out, attendance and academic issues

Appropriate Dress

7. The dress code for ATHS is extensive. It is important to demonstrate the appropriate dress required by ALL individuals who attend ATHS. Please read the *Student Dress Code* for our expectations and student responsibilities concerning appropriate dress.

Campus Safety & Security

8. ATHS cannot assume responsibility for students' personal property and items while on campus (e.g.: bikes, cars, backpacks, cell phones, MP3 players and other various personal electronic devices).
9. **ATHS IS A CLOSED CAMPUS.** Students are required to report to the office and ask for parental/guardian permission to sign out before leaving campus. Permission is required for all students that reside with a parent/guardian. Students over 18 that do not reside with a parent/guardian must have administrative approval prior to signing out. Students who sign out are not permitted back on campus for the remainder of the day with the exception of medical, dental, or court appointments accompanied by a signed note from the appropriate office. I understand that I will be considered truant and subject to disciplinary action if I do not adhere to the aforementioned guidelines.

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10. ATHS is an educational institution. As a result, visitors are not allowed on campus without approval of administration. As a student, I understand that I cannot have visitors during school breaks, before or after school without prior administrative approval. Parents/guardians are always welcome on campus, but they must check in with the office upon arrival. For security reasons, we ask that food arrive no later 10 minutes prior to break.
11. *I understand that driving a car to school and parking it at ATHS is a privilege.* Therefore, while arriving and departing, I will follow the posted speed limits on neighboring streets. I understand that if I drive recklessly, (i.e. use my vehicle in any other inappropriate manner) or exceed speed restrictions, I may lose my privilege to park at ATHS.
12. I will assist the ATHS staff in keeping the campus neat and clean by throwing trash in a garbage can. If am found to have deliberately littered on campus, I understand that I may be asked to assist in grounds maintenance as a consequence of my actions.
13. Vandalism is forbidden on campus. **ANY DESTRUCTION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY BY A STUDENT BECOMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN** and may be grounds for suspension or expulsion.
14. **I understand that in Arizona it is illegal to possess or use tobacco products on any school property or at any event sponsored by the school (ARS-36-798-03). Violations of this law will result in disciplinary action from ATHS and may result in substantial fines from AJPD.**
15. I understand that the property that surrounds ATHS is private property. I will not loiter on this property or smoke on this property. I understand that if I am caught loitering and/or smoking on neighboring property, my actions may result in disciplinary action from ATHS including suspension or expulsion and may result in substantial fines from AJPD.
16. I understand sunflower seeds are not allowed on campus.

Attendance

17. ATHS recognizes the strong connection between attendance and academic success. Therefore, ATHS adheres to a strict attendance and tardy policy. Violations of the attendance/tardy policy will result in not receiving course credit. (see *Attendance & Tardy Policy*).
18. If I am absent, a parent or legal guardian must call ATHS that school day to explain my absence. I understand that excessive absences or tardies will result in my withdrawal from ATHS and/or denial of credit. If a parent or legal guardian does not call, the absence is considered truancy.

Contract Acceptance

19. I agree to follow the items discussed in this student contract and by association the items discussed in the *Student Dress Code*, the *Attendance Policy*, the *Parent, Student School Compact* or the *Apache Trail High School Student Handbook*.
20. I understand that ATHS may revise policies contained in the student contract, dress code, attendance policy and student handbook as new laws and/or the need occurs. ATHS will notify me of any changes through its newsletter, classroom announcements, website or other printed material. Changes to portions of this contract, the *Student Dress Code*, the *Attendance Policy*, the *Parent, Student & School Compact* or the *Apache Trail High School Student Handbook* will not invalidate this contract.
21. I understand that violation of any of the guidelines or rules specified in this contract can result in my immediate dismissal from Apache Trail High school.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____