

Name of student _____

Grade _____

LDS Church Schools Honor Code

Church schools are in a unique position to assist students in their spiritual and academic growth. As all learning is spiritual, a student's academic growth can be enhanced by living a life that is aligned with the gospel of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:52). By living His teachings and following His example, students receive the guidance of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will help students progress spiritually and excel academically. All students are expected to live the Honor Code, which serves as a guide to a Christ-centered life.

Ecclesiastical Endorsement

Only students with a current ecclesiastical endorsement will be admitted each school year. In the endorsement interview, ecclesiastical leaders are to counsel with potential and returning students and evaluate whether they understand and are committed to living the Honor Code.

Ecclesiastical endorsements must be completed as follows:

LDS Students: Must be endorsed by the bishop (or branch president) and stake president where the student's membership record is located.

Students of Other Faiths: May be interviewed by the LDS bishop (or branch president) and stake president of the area in which they live, or by the school principal.

The school administration will keep endorsements confidential and store them in a secure location.

Honor Code

As a student, I will strive to follow the example of Jesus Christ and live the principles found in *For the Strength of Youth* by being:

- **Faithful**—I will attend and participate actively in my Church meetings. I will strive always to live my life so that I may have the companionship of the Holy Ghost.
- **Honest**—I will demonstrate integrity, tell the truth, and choose not to cheat at school in any way.
- **Chaste**—I will maintain sexual purity and be morally clean in my thoughts, words, and actions. I will abstain from all sexual relations and from the use of pornography.
- **Obedient**—I will obey the law of the land and follow school rules.
- **Respectful**—I will show love and kindness to everyone. I will care for personal and school property.
- **Clean**—I will abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, tea (black or green), coffee, and other harmful substances. I will use clean and appropriate language. I will honor the dress and grooming standards established by the school.

Dress and Grooming Standards

The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest and clean, avoid extremes in style or color, and be consistent with the dignity adherent to representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Men are expected to be clean shaven. (For detailed instructions see *School Policy Manual*).

Honor Code Violations

All students who violate the Honor Code are encouraged to take appropriate measures to correct their behavior. This may mean apologizing to those who have been affected, correcting any wrongs, and counseling with their ecclesiastical leader to change and improve when necessary.

If a violation affects a student's standing in the Church or their continued ecclesiastical endorsement, the student should discuss it with his or her bishop or branch president. Violations that are academic or school-conduct based (such as cheating, bullying, fighting, language, and so forth), will be evaluated by the school administration. The school administration will determine appropriate consequences and may choose to inform the bishop/branch president and parents of the violation.

Student signature

Parent signature

Date