

September High School Community Member Agreement

September High School is an intimate and supportive learning community that fosters individual development and reawakens the love of learning. We empower ourselves to be critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible citizens. Many of our students feel like this place is a second home to them. Everyone should feel welcome here and together we are all responsible for creating this unique place where we all are growing and learning.

To be successful in this community, we ask everyone to make the following **FOUR COMMITMENTS**:

SHOW UP

Showing up is about coming **on time**, being ready to participate, having whatever materials are needed, and having a clear mind, ready to focus.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

If you are not here to grow academically and as a whole person, then there is no purpose for you being here. This is a great place to challenge yourself to go further in your education, in who you are as a person, and in how you impact the community.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Whatever life throws at you, you will get better results if you look at what you yourself can do, instead of relying on or blaming others. No one can or should take responsibility for you. Part of becoming an adult is developing the skills that make you able to respond to anything that comes your way.

BE RESPECTFUL

Everyone deserves to feel like they are respected and are welcome in the community. Respect yourself, others, and the physical environment. This could mean throwing away your trash, going out of your way to be nice to someone, and abiding by the no-tobacco policy, among other things. Of the four agreements, being respectful has the most impact on the community.

We also have **TWO BOUNDARIES** that we need everyone to follow to make the community work well:

NO ABUSE

The opposite of being respectful is being abusive. This could be physical abuse (i.e. fighting) or emotional abuse (i.e. being mean to someone). You will see that this rarely happens at September High School, and when people cross this boundary it is taken seriously because it is a threat to the positive culture that we value and expect.

A SUBSTANCE FREE SCHOOL

There is no place for drugs and alcohol in our school. Using drugs or alcohol at school disrespects your teachers, other students, and the mission of the school. Our substance abuse policy lays out in detail the school's response to use or possession of substances or paraphernalia. When a student violates this boundary, the school intervenes with a comprehensive approach that emphasizes education, support and enforcement. Unfortunately, as in the past, students who are unable to respect this boundary despite other interventions from the school will be expelled.

By signing this agreement, I am stating that I would like to be a member of the September High School community. I will do my best to uphold the four agreements by showing up, taking responsibility, challenging myself, and being respectful. I understand and agree to follow the two boundaries of no abuse and a substance free school. I understand that the staff is here in part to help me stay on track with these agreements and boundaries and that if I violate them, I might not be able to remain here.

Signed

Date

Print Your Name Clearly