

## Student Conduct and Discipline Acknowledgement

This notice is to inform parents/guardians of key aspects of the American Heritage Charter School's student conduct and discipline policies.

### General Philosophy of Discipline:

American Heritage Charter Schools are committed to the goal of preparing students to be responsible citizens by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. Moreover, American Heritage Charter Schools believe that all students have the right to be educated in a safe and orderly learning environment free from disruptions. Therefore, the Board of Directors has established the following student conduct and discipline guidelines.

### Discipline Policy:

American Heritage Charter Schools have developed disciplinary rules and procedures in accordance with California law and the Board policies of American Heritage Charter Schools. Students who violate these rules and procedures may be subject to disciplinary action. Discipline includes but is not limited to advising and counseling students, conferring with parents/guardians, detention during and after school hours, the use of alternative educational environments, suspension, and expulsion.

### Student Responsibilities:

American Heritage Charter Schools believe that it is important for students to understand that they have a choice to make regarding their actions and that appropriate conduct benefits both themselves and others. Students are encouraged to express their individuality as long as this expression does not infringe upon the rights of others or disrupt the learning environment. Behavior is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, neat and clean, careful with school property, respectful towards their teachers, courteous to other students, staff and volunteers, and do not seek to bring inappropriate attention to themselves. Students are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance and to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules. They are further expected to refrain from profane, vulgar or abusive language.

### Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

Parents/guardians are expected to comply with all laws governing the conduct and education of their children and to cooperate with and support school authorities regarding their children's behavior.

California law holds parents/guardians liable for any willful student misconduct which results in the death or injury of any student or persons employed by or volunteering for the school. Parents/guardians are also liable for any defacement, injury, or loss of property belonging to the school or to a staff member.

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, affirm that I have been notified of the key aspects of the American Heritage Charter School's student conduct and discipline policies and understand that these policies may be reviewed in more detail in the *Student Policies and Procedures Handbook* and related policies of the American Heritage Charter School's Board of Directors.

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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## ESCONDIDO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

### STUDENT DRESS CODE

*"Let's dress for success."*

In order to meet one of the goals of the Escondido Charter High School's mission statement – which is to provide a safe and orderly learning environment – clothing, jewelry, and other accessories must be appropriate to the educational environment and should not bring inappropriate attention to the student or cause a distraction in class. The dress code is a key component of preparing students for college and career readiness. Adherence to a dress code is an important part of the workplace to promote professionalism, safety, and security. Therefore, the following guidelines apply to student dress when at school or school-sponsored events:



**Torso:** Clothing must cover, stomach, chests, backs. Undergarments must be covered

**Legs:** Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be just above the knee. Undergarments must be covered.

**Feet:** Footwear must be worn at all times appropriate to the activity.

The shaded portion of this figure represents front and back views. These parts of the body must be covered in all positions (sitting, standing, bending, reaching) while attending school or school events.

#### Other guidelines:

- Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, sexually suggestive, or displays inappropriate pictures or writing is prohibited.
- Any clothing or accessories worn in a manner identified as gang-related is prohibited.
- All students must maintain a clean, neat, and healthy appearance. This means there should be no slits, rips or frays in pants, skirts, or shorts, and pajamas are not appropriate.
- Piercings are limited to the ears. Nose piercings are not allowed. No tattoos should be showing.
- Hair must be of a natural color. Head coverings (hats, beanies, and hoodies, etc.) are not to be worn indoors. Religious exemptions apply.

*Please note: this list is not meant to be exhaustive; rather, it outlines the general expectations of student dress during school or school-sponsored activities.*

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## Prohibited Items

In order to provide a safe and orderly learning environment, American Heritage Charter Schools have adopted the following policies concerning: prohibited items; physical violence, weapons, and controlled substances; and unacceptable behavior.

Radios, iPods, or other sound and electronic equipment are not to be brought to school. Cellular phones and pagers may be brought on campus but must be OFF except for a school emergency (e.g., fire, earthquake).

Weapons of any type, or items that could be used as—or look like weapons—are prohibited, and are not to be brought to school. Examples include but are not limited to: guns, water pistols, replica firearms, ammunition, knives, chains, clubs, and lighters.

Skateboards, scooters, and bicycles are considered a safety hazard and may not be ridden on campus. If brought to school, they must be turned in to the office for safekeeping or placed in the racks provided. Helmets must be worn by all students traveling to or from school on bicycles, skateboards, and scooters in accordance with the law.

Certain “prohibited items” may be allowed on campus if they are requested for academic reasons by a parent and pre-authorized by an administrator. Without pre-authorization, prohibited items will be confiscated and only returned to the student’s parent or guardian. In addition, the offender will be disciplined accordingly.

The school will not tolerate physical violence or the possession, use or distribution of weapons and/or controlled substances.

Each person on campus at American Heritage Charter Schools expects a safe and supportive learning environment. To accomplish this, students will face serious consequences for any actions involving physical violence, weapons, and all controlled substances as detailed in the *Student Policies and Procedures Handbook*. Violations will result in immediate disciplinary action and a report to the appropriate civil authority (i.e., the police).

## Unacceptable Behavior

In addition to the items discussed above, the use of vulgar or blasphemous language will not be tolerated. Also, the public display of affection is not considered appropriate or acceptable behavior during school or at school activities.

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