

OPEN HIGH SCHOOL

600 S. Pine St.
Richmond, VA 23220

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

A Partnership Between Parents, Students and School

WHEREAS, Open High School is a community based school dedicated to the educational, emotional and social growth of its students, and **WHEREAS**, Open High is dedicated to the development of shared partnerships within its community, and **WHEREAS** the students, parents, staff and community are major participants in achieving the objectives of Open High,

I understand that education is a team effort, and I agree to the following guidelines as an expression of my commitment. In doing so, I will commit to maintaining a strong, positive environment for learning and for growth.

PROGRAM: I agree to attend and actively participate in all Family, Town, Class Meetings and Thursday classes. I will also participate in family projects, class projects, Senior Project, and other school-related activities. I understand that these activities are instrumental in creating a strong environment of student engagement.

BEHAVIOR: I agree to follow the Richmond Public Schools' Student Code of Responsible Ethics and be a respectful member of the Open High Community. I promise to stand up to bullying and be a positive advocate for myself and others.

ATTENDANCE: I agree to meet Richmond City Public School's attendance policies and will attend each class regularly and on time, as I understand this promotes learning and responsibility.

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE: I agree that I will perform a minimum of 30 volunteer hours for each year I am in attendance at Open High School and participate fully in any school sanctioned community service projects, as I understand these speak to what we value as a school and a community.

ACADEMICS: I agree that I will work hard academically, meeting the objectives for each class and will work with the expectation of graduating with an Advanced Studies Diploma. I will abstain from any dishonesty in my academic work, including plagiarism, cheating, or misrepresentation of my work. I will follow the steps of any academic sanctions given to me, attend tutoring if I am struggling, and be committed to completing my own work with the highest honor and effort.

WHEREAS, the students of Open High school are called to demonstrate respect, integrity, and fairness. I will respect others' opinions, space, and personal property at all times. By signing this I also am demonstrating my commitment to the Open High Dispositions: Perseverance, Intellectual Curiosity, Interpersonal Skills, Community Engagement, Self Advocacy, Creativity, Organization, Self-Reflection, Articulation, Responsibility.

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As a student at Open High School, I understand and agree to the above and understand that honoring these commitments is a criteria for being enrolled at Open High School.

STUDENT NAME PRINTED

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

As a parent of an Open High School student, I understand and support the above requirements. I will do my part in the education of my child, and I will do all I can to ensure that he/she meets these requirements. I also understand that these requirements are determining factors in my child's continued enrollment in Open High School and its program.

PARENT NAME PRINTED

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

As a Family Head, I understand that in supporting these principles, I have a responsibility to communicate with the student and family to aid in the student's success.

FAMILY HEAD PRINTED

FAMILY HEAD SIGNATURE

DATE