

## SHS Homecoming Contract – 2024 (Seniors Only)

As part of our continuing effort to keep all Staples High School events drug and alcohol free, please read, consider and sign the following contracts. **If you are purchasing a ticket for a date, your date and your date's parent/guardian must also sign a separate contract. Students WILL NOT be allowed to purchase Homecoming Dance tickets without a signed Student/Parent Contract. Each person attending the Homecoming Dance must fill out a separate contract.**

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

As defined by section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes, our policy forbids students to possess drug paraphernalia, mood-altering substances, chemical solvents and other illegal substances, or to possess, use, distribute, intent to sell or be under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled drugs, anywhere on school property, on school buses or other vehicles, or at off-campus school or school-related activities such as proms, homecoming or athletic events.

**The Westport Board of Education has approved the use of a breath alcohol tester as an option for students at all Staples High School dances and proms held during the school year.** The breath alcohol tester will be considered for use where, in the judgment of an administrator, there exists reasonable suspicion that a student has consumed an alcoholic beverage and then, only under the following circumstances:

Student denies to an administrator that he/she has consumed alcoholic beverages and wishes to establish his/her innocence. Should the student register a positive reading on the breath alcohol tester, consequences will be administered as outlined in the student handbook, the athletic handbook, or a contract governing student behavior at the above-listed events.

Student denies to an administrator that he/she has consumed alcoholic beverages and elects not to utilize the breath alcohol tester to establish his/her innocence. The judgment of the administrator will then be utilized to determine if the student has consumed an alcoholic beverage. In this instance, consequences will be administered as outlined in the student handbook, the athletic handbook, or a contract governing student behavior at the above-listed events.

Violations of the Drug and Alcohol Policy can lead to suspension, expulsion, arrest, and prohibition from all school activities, including the graduation ceremony and other specific events.

## Student Contract

I realize that possession, use, sale, purchase or distribution of alcohol and/or drugs at or prior to any school function, or anywhere on school property, on school buses or other vehicles either going to or coming from school-related activities, or at off-campus school or school related activities is expressly prohibited and, if I consume, possess, sell, purchase or distribute drugs/alcohol, the following consequences will occur:

- Suspension from school for up to 10 days with possible expulsion
- Removal from participation in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year, including but not limited to graduation.
- Police notification and possible arrest

I pledge to uphold the Staples High School Code of Conduct regarding the zero tolerance policy. I have read and understand the drug and alcohol policy below and understand the consequences for violation of the above.

**The Homecoming Dance begins at 7:00 PM at Staples High School. I understand that no one will be admitted to the Homecoming Dance after 8 PM. Students will not be permitted to leave the Homecoming Dance prior to 9 PM. Students who choose to leave prior to the end of the Homecoming Dance will not be permitted to return.**

*Student Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Contract

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Staples High School. I understand that if my child consumes, possesses, distributes, sells or purchases alcohol or any illegal substance, I will be called to come and pick up my child. I further understand my role in maintaining the school's zero tolerance policy regarding drugs/alcohol. I will not host a pre-homecoming party where drugs/alcohol are knowingly available nor will I allow my child to knowingly attend a pre-homecoming party where this activity may occur.

*Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number I can be reached at Homecoming Dance night: (    )    -