

# The Village School Drug Pledge 2017-18

## The Philosophy

The Village School community feels very strongly that no student should use drugs or alcohol during the school day or during any school activity. Furthermore, our community understands that using drugs or alcohol in school hurts the individual in their quest toward learning, as well as the credibility of the institution. In spite of this being a school that prides itself in giving students a second chance, the community has developed a drug pledge that results in a student's immediate removal after the *first* violation. Students and parents are asked to sign the pledge. Student's who refuse will have a meeting with the faculty and their parents to discuss why they chose not to sign.

## The Pledge

*I understand the following:*

- Drug use hinders academic performance.
- Drugs ruin the image of our school for present and future students.
- Drug possession is illegal.
- Being in close proximity with those in possession of drugs makes me in possession of drugs as well.
- Equipment used in taking drugs (pipes, bongs, rolling papers, etc.) that the faculty deems "dirty," or with what the faculty considers to be a substantial amount of drug residue, will be considered the same as being in possession of drugs.
- Drugs are considered any illegal, mind-altering substance, or legal mind altering substance used in an illegal fashion, including alcohol.

This policy includes any and all time when the school day is considered "in session." This includes the regular days, outside trips from start to finish, and events such as Thanksgiving Luncheon and the Holiday Party.

*Therefore:*

**If I am found to be in possession of drugs, whether in use of these drugs or not, I understand that I will be required to leave the Village School immediately.** If I so choose, I may find another place to get my education, but the Village School will no longer be an option for me.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date