



# HONOR CODE

“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt *love the Lord* thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt *love thy neighbor* as thyself.”

*Matthew 22:36-39*

## A.H.S. = "ALWAYS HONOR & SERVE"

**WE KEEP THE GREAT TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS (MATTHEW 22:36-39) AS WE "ALWAYS HONOR AND SERVE."**

**A = ALWAYS.** At all times, in all places, private and public. God is constant and unchanging. (Matthew 28:20; Mosiah 18:3)

**H = HONOR.** We honor God by honoring all of his children, including in our thoughts, words, and actions. (Exodus 20; John 5:23)

**S = SERVE.** We serve God by helping and lifting others around us. Service is love and honor exemplified. It is love and honor in actions. (Mosiah 2:17; Matthews 6:24)

The two great commandments to love the Lord and love our neighbors are the two most important principles that we learn at American Heritage School.

Students are expected to live according to the standards and commitments set forth and to keep these standards and commitments on campus and off camps "*at all times... and in all places.*" (Mosiah 18:9)

Those students who are not members of *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*\* are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct, except church attendance.

**Parents and students should review these standards and be prepared to sign and return a copy of the Honor Code Statement to your teacher or administrator by the end of the first week of school.**



\*American Heritage School is not sponsored by, endorsed by, or affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("the Church of Jesus Christ") or any other denomination. Respect of all religions is taught. Nevertheless, the school's mission establishes and encourages an environment that is oriented toward the Church of Jesus Christ, where principles are taught in the light of the restored gospel, and where faith in Jesus Christ is felt and demonstrated by each child and adult at the school.



## EXPECTED CONDUCT AT SCHOOL, SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, AND AWAY FROM SCHOOL

With the two great commandments as our guide, it is expected that students will uphold the following standards and expectations at all times, whether we are on campus or away from campus:

- **Kindness and Respect.** Treat every person with kindness and respect, including students of all ages, teachers, parents, administration, staff, custodians, visitors, and visiting teams to the school.
- **Uplifting Language.** Choose words that inspire and uplift. Words intended to hurt or offend should never be used and have no place in our school.
- **Honesty.** Be honest and truthful in all dealings.
- **Humility and Integrity.** Accept corrections respectfully from all who have stewardship for you. This includes (but is not limited to) your parents and every employee at the school, even if they aren't your teacher. Listen to the Spirit when you receive correction and have the courage and integrity to obey promptly and consistently, even if you disagree with an expectation, and even while you may be working to understand or even change that expectation through appropriate channels.
- **Positive Attitude.** Display a positive, willing attitude. This includes making a good-faith effort to fulfill all Honor Code commitments and to devote oneself to learning and keeping all school policies. *"The Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind."* (D&C 64:34)
- **Stewardship.** Care lovingly for our building. This includes eating only in designated areas (not in hallways or classrooms without permission) and treating doors, walls, and school equipment with care and respect. Seek ways to leave our classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms cleaner and better maintained than we found them. Bending a knee to pick up a scrap takes effort, but it is a sign of a grateful steward, especially if the scrap is not our own. *"And he that is a faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things."* (D&C 78:22)
- **School Uniform, Dress & Grooming.** Wear the school uniform properly and keep the AHS dress and grooming standards diligently and willingly. Students in grades 6–12 who wear their uniform, clothing, or hair-styles in ways that contradict (or press the boundaries of) the School's dress and grooming standards should be prepared for conversations with teachers and administrators, and if the problem persists, for potential dismissal or non-readmission to the school. **Uniform, dress, and grooming conversations in grades K–5 typically will be with parents, not students.** *"Obedience to small things creates a spirit of obedience in all things, and thus invites the blessings of heaven."* – Elder Kim B. Clark. Students should not write on themselves or others, or disfigure their bodies in any way. *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? ... The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."* (1 Cor. 3:16–17)

- **Cell Phones and Technology.** Use cell phones, personal electronic devices, and computers only at times and in settings that are respectful and approved. For students, cell phones should be off and out of sight during normal school operating hours everywhere on campus from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (including during transition times, at lunch, and at recess), and during school-sponsored travel, unless otherwise approved by a teacher or administrator. **Teachers are encouraged to take student cell phones that are used without permission and to deliver them to an administrator.** Teachers may collect phones at the beginning of class from any students who have them on their person or close at hand. In such cases, students whose phones are off and not easily accessible, such as in backpacks, will not be required to surrender their phones. Students may ask for permission to contact parents or conduct other business via personal cell phone at any time. Do not hide the use of cell phones and personal devices from view of teachers, parents, and other responsible adults, even if corresponding with parents. Do not communicate anything via text or social media, on campus or off campus, that would be inappropriate, offensive, or hurtful. Report any inappropriate, hurtful, or obscene messages, or content—whether yours or someone else's, accessed intentionally or unintentionally, on-campus or off-campus, by personal or school devices—to a parent, teacher, administrator, or other trusted adult.
- **Displays of Affection.** While at school or during school-sponsored activities, students should not engage in public or private displays of romantic physical affection, including kissing, cuddling, and hand-holding.
- **Conduct Away from School.** As indicated in the school's mission statement, faculty, staff and students are expected to "conduct themselves in all aspects of life as Christians." Thus, the School's Honor Code is expected to be kept on and off campus. With limited exceptions (such as certain uniform policy and dress code requirements that apply only while at School), any personal activity or behavior away from School that contradicts the principles, policies and mission statement of the School may constitute grounds for dismissal from the School.
- **Public Expression, Advocacy, and Free & Open Inquiry.** Students and employees are encouraged to seek for truth, engage in free-and-open inquiry, and examine their own and differing perspectives. **In speech and conduct, students and employees should not engage in expression or events that seriously and adversely affect the school's mission or the Church.** Examples would include an event or expression that contradicts or opposes, rather than analyzes or discusses fundamental Church doctrine or policy; deliberately attacks or derides school employees, administrators, the Church, or the Church's general leaders; or violates the school's Honor Code.

