

# ECS Student Character Commitment

Respect and responsibility are key virtues that we expect our students to develop while at ECS. Respecting the expectations and guidelines is essential to the development or maturity (Luke 2:51; Hebrews 5:8). Respect is necessary for all successful and meaningful relationships (Luke 10:36-37; Romans 12:18), and the building of personal responsibility fosters a sense of achievement.

As we seek to provide a balanced learning environment for the students of Elyria Christian School, we realize that human wisdom falls short of God's standards. We do not claim to be perfect in all of our decisions, but we do try to process issues with student behavior in a way that is biblical and pleasing to God. As partners in this process, it is important that ECS and the student's parents/guardians work cooperatively for the student's well-being. (Please be aware that the administration reserves the right to make discipline decisions on an individual basis.)

In the best interest of the entire school community, certain guidelines of conduct must be maintained by all students of ECS, both on and off campus. Thus, all school expectations apply on all field trips and on all school-sponsored events both on and off the school campus.

This Character Commitment in no way replaces the ECS handbook but is a documentation of your acknowledgement of appropriate student conduct.

The general guidelines for student conduct are listed below. Please initial each one.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I will practice Christ-like behavior in my association with teachers, administrators, school employees, fellow students, and visitors. (Ephesians 4:29-32; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
- ➔ Be respectful
  - ➔ Be courteous
  - ➔ Be considerate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I will abstain from any behavior that hurts the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ, constantly remembering that I am a believer at all times both on and off campus (24-7-365). These behaviors could include, but are not limited to the following: (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:29)
- ➔ Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, e-cigarettes (Juuls), vaping, or drugs
  - ➔ Viewing or possession of pornography or similar materials
  - ➔ Gambling
  - ➔ Profanity
  - ➔ Vulgar or abusive speech that is harmful to others
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I will conduct myself in a Christian manner in my relationships with the opposite sex.
- ➔ Refrain from a public display of affection on campus
  - ➔ While on campus follow the "hands off" policy
  - ➔ Abstain from sexual immorality

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I will use technology in an appropriate manner.
- ➔ The use of headphones/earbuds during school hours is not allowed during class unless being used for a school project under the direction of a teacher. Earbuds may be used during study hall at the discretion of the study hall supervisor.
  - ➔ Using iPods, MP3's, cell phones or other devices during sponsored trips, including bus routes, is at the discretion of the coaches, teachers, bus drivers, and administrators.
  - ➔ Technology that provides the opportunity for note-taking will be under the discretion of the teacher.
  - ➔ Technology devices may be used in the classroom and during school functions ONLY at the teacher's discretion. Cell phones may be used at other times during the day such as in the halls and at lunch, but should be the exception and not the norm. Teachers have the right to revoke classroom technology privileges for individual students due to misuse.
  - ➔ Abstain from electronic communication via Social Networking or the like that could adversely affect other students, teachers, or the school.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I will practice honesty at all times.
- ➔ Do your own work. (Assistance may be given on homework at the discretion of the teacher.)
  - ➔ Any form of communication during a test, exam, or quiz is prohibited.
  - ➔ Avoid plagiarism. The definition of plagiarism is "the use of another writer's ideas or words without giving the writer credit for them."

**Please sign the following statement and return to the school office.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to uphold and abide by the ECS Student Character Commitment for the 2019-20 school year.

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

We, \_\_\_\_\_, the parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ agree to uphold and support the ECS Student Character Commitment in our home for the 2019-20 school year.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_