

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AGREEMENT FORM

The students of Northern Michigan Christian High School represent their school, their church, their family, and their faith wherever they go. Following school rules and maintaining a spirit of cooperation with school staff, fellow students, and others in the community are important aspects of this representation. Students who repeatedly disregard school rules or who fail to treat others with respect harm themselves, the school, and the community in which they live.

The conduct of NMCHS students should be exemplary. Students who shame themselves and the school by failing to demonstrate Christian citizenship--in behavior, attitude, or language, either in or out of school--may be subject to school intervention and discipline. It is the intent of the school to intervene as early as possible. Our concern is not limited only to behavior; in a Christian community we hold each other accountable for our attitudes as well.

NMCS is a Christ-centered learning community developing gifts for discernment and discipleship. We care deeply about the development of all our students. We expect them all to become discerning disciples of Christ regardless of what gifts they have and regardless of what they may expect of themselves.

SCHOOL AUTHORITY

It is not the intent of the school to extend its authority beyond what is granted to it by the community that enrolls its children here. Rather, the school acknowledges the importance of a cohesive community of home, church, and school that works together to hold growing young men and women accountable for all their conduct. It is our intent to cooperate with parents and also with civil authorities in any matters involving potentially illegal conduct.

The notion that the authority of the school is limited to the school building or school property or that it is limited by school hours is not part of any school policy and contradicts the school's mission of educating the "whole child." The authority of parents extends to all places and all times. Likewise, the authority of the school may extend beyond the school day and the school walls. Any of the areas mentioned below, as well as some that may not have been anticipated, describe a proper extension of school authority beyond the time and place of formal schooling.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

The Christian life is about relationships--our relationship to God and to our neighbor. The Bible frequently emphasizes the fact that all we say and do is a means of witness to others. For this and other reasons, students of NMCS are expected to be respectful of others at all times.

One can be directly disrespectful by insulting, mocking, teasing, or intimidating others. Disrespect can also be indirect such as in gossip or exclusion. Disrespect in any form has no place in the life of the Christian. Students who are repeatedly disrespectful will be subject to school discipline.

Part of being respectful of others is recognizing their integrity sexually. Any form of sexual harassment or intimidation will not be tolerated among NMCS students. The school will take swift and aggressive action to protect all members of the learning community from such abuse and will involve civil authorities. Any student experiencing sexual harassment of any kind is urged to report it immediately to any school authority.

NMCS has a long history of excellent rapport among students, teachers, and parents. We are frequently recognized for fine sportsmanship. The students of NMCS have set a high standard of mutual respect which deserves to be upheld for years to come.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

The school has invested many thousands of dollars in providing facilities that are clean, pleasant, and attractive. Respect for this property and for that of others participating in the school is an extension of our respect for the people who own them. NMCS students show respect for others by respecting their property. Students who intentionally deface, remove, or pollute the property of others will be subject to school discipline in proportion to the offense. Graffiti, litter, and hiding or taking the property of others are not innocent acts. These are acts of disrespect and will be treated as willful misconduct.

As in their respect for others, the students of NMCS have long shown great respect for school property and the property of others. This standard--set by students-- must be maintained by students. Theft has been a very uncommon problem at NMCS. As children of God, we must work to keep it that way.

TOBACCO AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Students must avoid the possession or use of all controlled substances, including alcohol and tobacco. If a reliable witness reports that any student is present where illegal drugs, illegal alcohol, or illegal tobacco are being used, that student is subject to the following consequences:

1. If involved in extra- or co- curricular activities at any time during the ensuing 365 days, the student will be suspended from the immediately following one third of the scheduled games, meets, events, or activities for the season in which the violation is discovered or, if not involved at the time, for the immediately following season in which the student is a participant. If participation is limited to a single event, the student will be suspended from that event. Also, the incident will be reported to local law enforcement authorities

2. A second violation during a student's high school career will be reported to local law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible prosecution and will result in a 365-day suspension from all extra- and co-curricular activities.

3. A third violation during high school will again be reported to local law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible prosecution and will also result in permanent suspension from all extra- and co-curricular activities.

4. Extra- and co-curricular activities include athletic teams, academic teams, student council, yearbook, honor society, choir, etc.

PARENTS: Please return this page prior to the first competition in any sport.

PARENTAL AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please sign below and return to school. Your signature as a parent acknowledges that you have read this document and also the school rules printed in the NMCS Student Planner and that you agree to cooperate with the school and your assist your child in complying with school rules and expectations.

The student's signature on this form indicates a pledge of intent to abide by the school's rules and expectations and to cooperate with the school at all times.

These matters should be discussed by parents and their child prior to signing.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Note: This completed form must be on file in the school office before any student may participate in an extra- or co-curricular activity.