



SOUTHERN NEVADA TRADES HIGH SCHOOL

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School-Parent/Family Compact Southern Nevada Trades High School 2023-2024

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Southern Nevada Trades High School (SNTHS), students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of SNTHS partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in August each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the annual Title I parent survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs and policies.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the school's goals for student academic achievement.

SNTHS GOALS:

At SNTHS our goal is to provide high quality academics along with career ready skills, achieving a 100% graduation rate by the 2026-2027 school year. We will accomplish this goal by closely following our Mission and Vision.

SNTHS's Mission is to promote excellence in academic and career and technical education, preparing students for post-secondary education and careers in construction related professions.

SNTHS Vision: Through innovative career and technical training integrated with aligned academics, community partnerships, and individualized college and career-readiness planning, students' passions for learning are ignited and they are prepared for success in postsecondary education and the workplace.

Belief Statements:



- **Integrated Curriculum:** We believe that hands-on career technical education (CTE) – in the classroom, in the workshop, and on the job-site – prepares students with the knowledge and skills for successful futures in construction-related careers. We believe that pairing CTE with aligned academics provides students with the skills necessary to adapt and grow throughout their careers.
- **Passion for Life-long Learning:** We believe that the unique combination of CTE and aligned academics spark student passion for learning while encouraging other essential life skills such as critical thinking, communication, and teamwork.
- **Individualized Planning and Support:** We believe that engaging students 1:1 in planning and refining their course of study throughout their high school career prepares graduates for success in their chosen educational and career paths.
- **Community Partnerships:** We believe that close collaboration with local industry and postsecondary institutions provides students with access to work experiences.

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together to:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

SNTHS understand the importance of providing a supportive, effective learning environment that enables the children at our school to meet the State's academic achievement standards through our role as educators and models. Therefore, staff agrees to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of our ability by:

- *Ensuring that each student is provided high-quality curriculum and instruction, supervision, and positive interaction.*
- Maximizing the educational and social experience of each student.
- *Carrying out the professional responsibility of educators to seek the best interest of each student. Providing frequent reports to parents on their children's progress and providing reasonable access of staff to the parents and legal guardians of students to discuss their concerns.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents or guardians understand that as my child's first teacher my participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement. Therefore, to the best of my ability, I will continue to be involved in his/her education by:

- *Reading to my child or encouraging my child to read.*
- *Being responsible for my child's on-time attendance.*
- Reviewing and checking my child's homework.
- *Monitoring the activities of my child, such as the amount of time spent watching television, using a computer, playing video games, etc.*
- Contributing at least 5 hours of time each school year in the areas such as:



- *Attending school-related activities; Attending organized parent meetings, such as PTA, PTO, or parent advisory committees; Attending parent-teacher conference(s); Volunteering at the school; Chaperoning school-sponsored activities; Communicating with my child's teacher(s) regarding his/her progress, as needed.*

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are expected to act in a positive manner. The appearance and atmosphere of the school reflects student habits and attitudes. Conduct and behavior toward any school personnel will be always appropriate. Behavior that disrupts the learning process will not be permitted.

I realize that my education is important. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability by:

- *Read and understand the contents of this handbook.*
- *Comply with all school policies and procedures.*
- *Make a reasonable effort to learn.*
- *Arriving at school each day on time and being prepared.*
- *Keep the school informed of changes in address, phone number, and any other circumstances that could affect awarding of the diploma.*
- *Attend all classes each day, on time, and complete all assignments in accordance with the expectations established by the instructor.*
- *Behave in a manner that contributes to a positive learning environment for all, both in the classroom and on the campus. Showing effort, respect, cooperation, and fairness to all.*
- *Promote a safe and respectful learning environment.*
- *Obey all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.*
- *Using all school equipment and property appropriately and safely.*
- *Completing and submitting homework in a timely manner.*

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

SNTHS is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- *Monthly school newsletters*
- *Infinite Campus parent portal*
- *Parent-teacher conferences*
- *Weekly red folders*
- *Emails/ phone calls to parents*

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

SNTHS offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families, including:

- *Family nights*
- *Parent-teacher conferences*
- *Parent Advisory Team*
- *Open House*



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- *Curriculum Nights*
- *Community events*

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child's teacher. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

Candi Wadsworth, Principal

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CODE OF HONOR

There is a clear expectation that all students will perform academic tasks with honor and integrity, with the support of parents, staff, faculty, administration, and the community. The learning process requires students to think, process, organize and create their own ideas. Throughout this process, students gain knowledge, self-respect, and ownership in the work that they do. These qualities provide a solid foundation for life skills, impacting people positively throughout their lives. Cheating and plagiarism violate the fundamental learning process and compromise personal integrity and one's honor. Students demonstrate academic honesty and integrity by not cheating, plagiarizing or using information unethically in any way.

What is cheating?

Cheating or academic dishonesty can take many forms, but always involves the improper taking of information from and/or giving of information to another student, individual, or other source. Examples of cheating can include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Taking or copying answers on an examination or any other assignment from another student or other source
- ◆ Giving answers on an examination or any other assignment to another student
- ◆ Copying assignments that are turned in as original work
- ◆ Collaborating on exams, assignments, papers, and/or projects without specific teacher permission
- ◆ Allowing others to do the research or writing for an assigned paper
- ◆ Using unauthorized electronic devices
- ◆ Falsifying data or lab results, including changing grades electronically

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a common form of cheating or academic dishonesty in the school setting. It is representing another person's works or ideas as your own without giving credit to the proper source and submitting it for any purpose. Examples of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Submitting someone else's work, such as published sources in part or whole, as your own without giving credit to the source
- ◆ Turning in purchased papers or papers from the Internet written by someone else



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- ◆ Representing another person's artistic or scholarly works such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, drawings, or paintings as your own
- ◆ Helping others plagiarize by giving them your work

All stakeholders have a responsibility in maintaining academic honesty. Educators must provide the tools and teach the concepts that afford students the knowledge to understand the characteristics of cheating and plagiarism. Parents must support their students in making good decisions relative to completing coursework assignments and taking exams. Students must produce work that is theirs alone, recognizing the importance of thinking for themselves and learning independently, when that is the nature of the assignment. Adhering to the Code of Honor for the purposes of academic honesty promotes an essential skill that goes beyond the school environment. Honesty and integrity are useful and valuable traits impacting one's life.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Questions or concerns regarding the consequences associated with a violation of the Code of Honor may be directed towards your child's school administration and/or the school district.

Resources: Cheating policies from Clark and Washoe County School Districts' secondary schools; Foothill Community College