



AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL 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)

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 and employees are expected to live according to the standards and commitments set forth below and to keep these standards and commitments on campus and off campus “at all times...and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9). Those students and employees 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, students, and employees, please review these standards together, then 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.

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A.H.S. = “Always Honor & Serve”

We keep the two great commandments (Matt. 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. (Matt 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 action. (Mosiah 2:17; Matt 6:24)

Expected Conduct at School, School-Sponsored Activities, and Away from School. With the two great commandments as our guide, it is expected that students and employees will uphold the following standards and expectations at all times, whether we are on campus or away from campus:

- Treat all students and adults with respect.
- In all communication, verbal and written including through texting and social media, choose words that inspire and uplift. Words intended to hurt or offend should never be used and have no place in our school.
- Be honest and truthful in all dealings.
- Accept corrections respectfully.
- 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)
- Care lovingly for our building. Seek ways to leave our classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms cleaner 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)
- Wear the school uniform properly and keep the AHS dress and grooming standards diligently and willingly. “Obedience to small things creates a spirit of obedience in all things, and thus invites the blessings of heaven.” (Elder Kim B. Clark)
- 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 from 8:10 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. unless otherwise approved by a teacher or administrator. Do not communicate anything via text or social media, on campus or off campus, that would be inappropriate, offensive, or hurtful. Do not hide the use of cell phones and personal devices from view of teachers, parents, and other responsible adults. 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.
- While at school or during school sponsored activities, students should not engage in public displays of romantic physical affection, including hand-holding and cuddling.
- 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.

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My Gospel Standards*

(for students ages 11 and under. "My Gospel Standards" are published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,* and are available at the school's front office.)

- I will follow Heavenly Father's plan for me.
- I will remember my baptismal covenant and listen to the Holy Ghost.
- I will choose the right. I know I can repent when I make a mistake.
- I will be honest with Heavenly Father, others, and myself.
- I will use the names of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ reverently. I will not swear or use crude words.
- I will do those things on the Sabbath that will help me feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.
- I will honor my parents and do my part to strengthen my family.
- I will keep my mind and body sacred and pure, and I will not partake of things that are harmful to me.
- I will dress modestly to show respect for Heavenly Father and myself.
- I will only read and watch things that are pleasing to Heavenly Father.
- I will only listen to music that is pleasing to Heavenly Father.
- I will seek good friends and treat others kindly.
- I will live now to be worthy to go to the temple and do my part to have an eternal family.

I Am a Child of God

- I know Heavenly Father loves me, and I love Him.
- I can pray to Heavenly Father anytime, anywhere.
- I am trying to remember and follow Jesus Christ.





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Honor Code Statement

I understand that American Heritage School exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.* I also understand that this atmosphere is preserved through my voluntary commitment to live in accordance with those ideals and principles "at all times and . . . in all places." (Mosiah 18:9) – and that this commitment is a specific condition of admission and employment at American Heritage School for all students, faculty and staff. Those individuals 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.

As a representative of American Heritage School, I acknowledge and commit to maintain the standards set forth in the American Heritage School Honor Code.

Student Name (Please Print)	Student Signature
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Parent Signature	Date
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“ If we will strive to the best of our ability to accomplish everything assigned; if we will try to be a friend to everyone in and outside of school; if we will do our best to constantly meet new students and to seek out those who look lonely or sad; if we will try to put an end to gossip and rumors, and practice what we preach; in short, **if we will live the honor code willingly**, and do our best to have integrity and honesty in all of our dealings with others, **we will become the best students, friends, and examples we can be.**”

Josh Sperry
AHS Student Body President 2017–18