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Agreement Contract *Mandatory Community Service*

The Valley Oaks staff is pleased to let you know that since the 2017/2018 school year, all students are required to complete 5 hours of community service *each semester*.

We believe in the substantial research showing that students can greatly benefit from doing meaningful service work. These benefits include the development of emotional intelligence, happiness and mental health, relationship building, self-confidence, civic understanding, and self-identity. We have joined with so many other schools that give this gift to their students.

The Verification Form is on the school website. Five hours documented on our Verification Form/s, must be delivered to the

principal. Turn in the hard paper copy to Susan or Mrs. Parker or you may photo it and email it to us.

Students will not be in good standing if they do not complete their 5 hours for each semester.

As a staff, we want to be sure that all students and parents are clear on this exciting component of our school culture and policies.

Valley Oaks' HONOR CODE Contract

- ★ All of my work that I turn into VOS will be my original work.
- ★ I will cite sources and make citations for quotations, images, and paraphrasing.
- ★ When using teacher answer keys, I agree to follow district rules regarding academic honesty.
- ★ When taking tests, I agree to follow district rules regarding academic honesty.
- ★ I will ask my teachers clarifying questions about making citations & using teacher answer keys if I am unclear about these expectations.
- ★ I understand that a violation of the VOS Honor Code will result in a parent conference and possible loss of the privilege of attending Valley Oaks.

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Your signatures here below let us know that you agree to follow the procedures of our **Mandatory Community Service policy** and that you agree to follow our **Valley Oaks Honor Code**. Thank you!

_____ **parent signature & date**

_____ **student signature & date**

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School Year Portfolio Assignment

All Valley Oaks students are required to create a School Year Portfolio that showcases who they are as a student and includes their best sample work from each course taken during the school year. Students will use the instructions found on our school website under the "Academics" button. All students will periodically, throughout the school year, show their teachers their progress on this assignment and will have their Portfolio published and completed at least a week before the Valley Oaks School Open House which happens every spring near the end of the semester. All students are required to attend the Valley Oaks School Portfolio Open House accompanied by a committed adult from their life. At the Portfolio Open House night, students will be given a Chromebook from which to present their Portfolio to this committed adult. Students will also present to two other people at the Portfolio Open House Night. Signatures from those that received the presentation to need to be turned in before leaving the Portfolio Open House Night.

RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT

We have read the Valley Oaks School Student Handbook. We have also reviewed all student work within the New Student Assignment or the Returning Students' 3x4 Assignment. Any questions that we may have are noted below. We understand that success in independent study will require ongoing parental involvement.

Parents can be involved in many ways, including:

- ★ Attending appointments...especially the first one or two when a new course is started
- ★ Providing an environment that is supportive of learning, including showing your interest
- ★ Providing an appropriate work area...with supplies and free of distractions
- ★ Helping students with assignments...but not doing them for the student!
- ★ Helping students develop good time management skills by:
 - After the student has the weekly appointment, go over the assignments
 - Devote plenty of time for Valley Oaks responsibilities, beyond just appointments
 - Help the student set up a schedule for completing all assignments
 - Hold the student accountable for keeping to the schedule...check, daily, that the work is done well and on time.
- ★ Helping students with transportation problems & Seeing to it that students have a healthy diet and get enough rest
- ★ Alerting Valley Oaks staff of any concerns & Meeting with teachers at the start and reviewing the student's progress
- ★ Being aware of credits remaining for graduation

Questions/comments handwritten here (or please email one of us):

Your signatures here below let us know that you understand and support and will follow through with both our **School Year Portfolio Assignment** and our **Responsibilities Agreement**. Thank you!

parent signature & date

student signature & date

Who I Am

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1. Please print your name as we will see it in our school records:

2. If different, please print your name that you would like us to use in conversations with you:

3. If different from above, please print your nickname that you use, *if you want to let us know*, and tell us who should use this nickname here at VOS, or who uses it outside of VOS:

4. If it may be needed, please describe for us, as best that you can, how to pronounce your name/s:

5. If you want to, please tell us which pronouns you want us to use when referring to you:

6. If you are up to it, please tell us something about yourself or a few things about yourself that we don't know. Tell us anything that you feel comfortable sharing that would help us understand you and help us to make you feel comfortable and help us to best meet your academic needs. If you have been with us here as a VOS student for a semester or more, then please tell us anything new that is going on for you that we would not otherwise know about. Thank you so much!



Welcome 7th and 8th Graders!



As of 2021, state law requires that 7th and 8th graders have an opportunity for daily live interaction. In addition, after many years, VOS staff has found that students who spend more time on campus are more successful.

To fulfill this state law requirement, VOS 7th & 8th graders will:

with some **exceptions**, *come to VOS in person every school day for an hour during The Junior High Group from 12:30 - 1:30. Come earlier and/or stay later too - but the 12:30 - 1:30 window is required.*

The exceptions are: 1) you do not have to come if you have a teacher appointment or class that day and, 2) if there is a hardship then you can join The Junior High Group **in Zoom** but you can only do this for 1 or 2 days in a week. The Zoom will be opened every school day at 12:30. You do not need to notify anyone.

*In addition, students will spend 3 minutes every school day to fill-out the online **Daily Live Interaction Form**. The online form is located on the VOS website and on Mrs. Parker's website. The **Daily Live Interaction Form** has parts A, B, C, & D, which must be filled out every school day **by 1pm**.*

Your signatures below let us know that you agree to follow this VOS procedure & policy. Thank you!

parent signature & date

student signature & date