



American Heritage School Honor Code

(Elementary School)

*“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 (love the Lord and love thy neighbor) are the two most important principles that we learn at American Heritage School. Students are expected to live according to the standards set forth in the *For the Strength of Youth* pamphlet* (ages 12 and older) and the *My Gospel Standards* chart* (ages 11 and younger), published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* and to keep these standards “at all times...and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9). Those students 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. In addition, students are expected to adhere to the “A.H.S.” (“Always Honor & Serve”) standards that apply to conduct while at school.

Parents and students, please review these standards together, then sign and return the Honor Code Statement to your core teacher by the end of the first week of school.

My Gospel Standards*

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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A.H.S. = “Always Honor & Serve”

While at AHS, I will keep the two great commandments (Matt. 22:36–39) as I “**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. Honor God by honoring all of his children, beginning with the words that proceed from our hearts. (Exodus 20; John 5:23)

1. **Speak Kindly to Others.** Choose words that inspire and uplift. Words intended to hurt or offend should never be spoken and have no place in our school. We are all God’s children, and He is always listening.
2. **Speak Quietly in Hallways.** Keep hallway voices soft or to a whisper. Quiet dignity is a mark of Christian character.
3. **Speak Orderly in Classrooms.** Raise hands, speak only one at a time, and speak only when called upon by a teacher. “And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness.” (2 Peter 1:6)

S = SERVE. Serve God by being faithful stewards of our building and our appearance. Service is love and honor exemplified. It is love and honor in action. (Mosiah 2:17; Matt 6:24) At least two ways that we serve at school include:

4. **Care Lovingly for our Building.** Seek ways to leave our classrooms and hallways cleaner than we found them. Clean up after ourselves, even crumbs, and even if the crumbs are not our own. “And he that is a faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things.” (D&C 78:22)
5. **Wear Properly our Uniform.** Wear our uniform with dignity. Tuck our shirts and remove all non-uniform articles of clothing immediately upon entering the building. “Obedience to small things creates a spirit of obedience in all things, and thus invites the blessings of heaven.” (Elder Kim B. Clark)

Conduct at School and School-Sponsored Activities. In addition to the general standards listed above, it is expected that students will uphold the following standards and expectations while at school and on school-sponsored activities:

- Treat all students and adults with respect.
- 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 stewardships and to comply with all school policies.

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 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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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

Parent Signature

Date

Submit this signature page to the school.

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