



# HORIZONS SCHOOL

## Community Honor Code

I promise to be a contributing member of the Horizons School Community and supportive of its mission:

- To be responsible for my choices of behavior,
- To be honest in all my academic endeavors,
- To be respectful of the property and persons of others,
- And to live in harmony with the social and natural environments which sustain this community.

### Statement of Student Rights and Privileges

Horizons School is an academic and residential community dedicated to the development of the individual. All members of the Horizons Community are guaranteed certain rights and privileges so long as they abide by the conditions for membership in this community. For students these rights include, but are not limited to:

#### *A. The right to an education.*

This includes the reasonable and legal use of all services and facilities intended for the purposes of development and growth.

#### *B. The right to study and live in a safe environment, freedom to attend and live in comfortable surroundings without fear, without humiliation and without destruction or diminution of self-esteem, integrity and personal character.*

#### *C. The right to safety of persons and property.*

All individuals have the right to personal safety, to be free from offensive, riotous, unruly or disruptive behavior on the part of others. Included in this is the freedom from personal force, violence, and threats of personal abuse or harassment either as individuals or groups.

#### *D. The right to give commentary on or to propose change to the community.*

The Community functions by shared governance; any member of the Horizons Community may, through proper channels, work to modify, enlighten or comment on the structure and nature of the Community.

## Student Responsibilities

A community is an assemblage of individuals who have come together for a specific purpose. In any community there are responsibilities that must be observed by the individual in order to live in harmony with the social and natural environments which sustain the community.

Responsibilities, however, do not supersede rights. Individuals are expected to adhere to these responsibilities only when enforcement of them does not interfere with the rights of a community member. In order to be a contributing member of the Horizons School community, all individuals are expected to adhere to certain levels of responsibility. These responsibilities include:

*A. The responsibility to participate in the shared governance of the community.*

Governance of a community succeeds because people participate. The individuals responsible for the character of the community are not merely the staff and administration, but every member of the Horizons community. Members of the Horizons student body are members of the community and as such are expected to be aware of their role and potential in the community as a whole.

*B. The responsibility to respect and observe all duly established Horizons rules and policies, and those of outside communities.* Also, the responsibility for ensuring that everyone in the Horizons community understands the rules and abides by them.

*C. The responsibility to respect the privacy and personal safety of others within the Horizons community.* In a community, behavior choices affect other members. It is irresponsible and improper for one's behavior choices to deny freedom of participation to other members of the Horizons community.

*D. The responsibility to cooperate with Horizons staff and administration and to comply with their requests.*

*E. The responsibility to monitor, respect and protect the environment and property of Horizons School.* It is the duty of each student to take action in cases of persons inflicting damage to Horizons School property and environment.

*F. The responsibility to work within the Horizons School community, to give as well as take from the whole, use Horizons School resources such as staff, administration, meetings and Judicial Committee, become involved in community activities and events, etc. and to make the community a stronger, more capable body.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the Horizons School Honor Code.  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_