

## St. Petersburg Collegiate High School Principles of Participation

As a component of admission, each parent and student of the St. Petersburg Collegiate High School (SPCHS) must sign an agreement committing their adherence to the following principles of participation:

1. I understand that as a student at SPCHS, the course work taken on the college level will have the same depth, breadth, rigor and pace for all students regardless of age or grade placement.
2. I understand that SPCHS students in college level courses are subject to the same standards, policies and responsibilities as other college students unless otherwise restricted by federal, state or local requirements.
3. I understand that curriculum content, evaluation and selection of appropriate instructional materials are the prerogative of the college instructor and will not differ for students in SPCHS from that presented for traditional college students.
4. I understand that St. Petersburg College (SPC) is an open campus and that I will be attending classes with non-high school aged students; I understand that I may encounter students of a variety of ages and backgrounds while on the SPC campus.
5. I understand that SPCHS staff is the point of contact for parents to discuss academic progress in a college course or request information about school or classroom activities. Parents **may not** contact college instructors due to privacy legislation.
6. I understand that high academic standards are expected of all students. Students entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade must have met all required scores on the College Placement Test or have taken and passed the exit examination for areas needing remediation. Students entering the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade must have an unweighted high school GPA of at least 3.0 and maintain a 2.0 GPA in all college course work. Students falling below a 2.0 are subject to SPC Board of Trustee's Rules governing probation and suspension. (See the College Catalog for details.)
7. I understand that I cannot DROP a college course. SPC or SPCHS administration may withdraw a student for lack of attendance. If a student is withdrawn from a course due to absences a W/F is assigned to that course on the college transcript, and the high school transcript will reflect an F for the corresponding high school course.
8. I understand that all SPCHS students must agree to abide by all SPC policies and procedures including, but not limited to the Pinellas County School Board *Code of Student Conduct* as well as the Student Rights and Responsibilities outlined in the SPC Student Handbook.
9. SPCHS students may participate in athletics and other activities at their "close to home" Pinellas County high school. Students must contact the assistant principal at their "close to home" school to request a try-out. Students are not guaranteed placement on the team, but are guaranteed the opportunity to try-out. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.
10. I understand that completion of high school graduation requirements does not guarantee completion of an A.A. degree. To receive an A.A. degree I understand that I must meet all program requirements identified in the SPC Catalog at the time of my initial admission.

11. I understand that I will be expected to sign an agreement outlining my responsibility for all instructional materials, textbooks and equipment issued to me.
12. I agree to attend school regularly, and I understand that I must be enrolled in six or seven courses for each session. This requirement will be fulfilled through a combination of instructional activities in college and high school classes.
13. SPC is an open campus environment. Students in grades 11 and 12 are fully engaged in college course work with varying time commitments to their course work. Understanding my needs to arrive and leave the campus at different times, I fully understand that SPC, its officers, trustees, employees and agents are released from all liability, claims of demands for any damage, loss, or injury to me, my property, or parent's property in connection with my actions. All **juniors or seniors** must complete and return to SPCHS an *Off Campus Lunch Release Agreement* at the beginning of each year. Students in grade 10 are expected to remain on campus during the regular school day hours and are **not** allowed to leave campus for lunch.
14. I understand that "directory information" may be released without my consent. Directory information includes full legal name, image or likeness in pictures, videotape, film or other medium; dates of attendance; major field of study; participation in officially recognized sports and activities; degrees and awards received; most recent previous educational institution attended; subsequent educational institute attended; and academic work intended for publication or display. If you do not want directory information released, parents must tell the principal in writing what types of directory information you do not want release no later than **Sept. 15 each year or within 30 days of receiving this annual notice.**  
  
Military recruiters and institutions of higher education are entitled under federal law to a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of high school students unless you object to such release. If you notify the principal that you do not wish your child's name, address and telephone number released without your consent, we will honor your request.
15. I understand, as a sophomore, that if I need to leave school early, a *Permit to Leave* form must be completed before I am allowed to leave campus. A *Permit to Leave* form may be obtained from the office or is available on our website.
16. I understand that I am expected to graduate with my high school diploma, Associate in Arts, and qualify for Bright Futures. Furthermore, I understand that I may not graduate early from SPCHS even if I earn enough high school credits to do so.

**Please complete the information below. Keep one copy of this form for your records and return one copy to the SPCHS office. Thank you for your assistance.**

**I hereby agree to and accept all of the terms listed in the St. Petersburg Collegiate High School Principles of Participation.**

Student's Name (Print)	Student's Signature	Date
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Parent or Guardian's Name	Parent or Guardian's Signature	Date
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