



# UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT AGREEMENT

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

The church I attend is \_\_\_\_\_

Cedar Tree is a school for students who are serious about their studies and life objectives, and who desire to honestly conduct themselves in such a way as to please and honor the Lord Jesus Christ. Does this describe you? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please initial each point you can genuinely pledge to:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read Cedar Tree's Statement of Faith (printed on back) and agree to honor it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that attending Cedar Tree is a privilege afforded me by my parents and I understand that failure to abide by the standards of the school will result in my dismissal. When I do break school rules or act in a way that does not reflect the standards of a follower of Christ, I intend to confess, repent, and to make restitution for the things that I have done, seeking to repair all impacted relationships within the school community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will cheerfully abide by school guidelines and seek to engage in thought, conduct, and conversation which is "true, honest, just, clean, pure, and of good report" (Phil. 4:8).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to come to school with a heart and attitude that is prepared and ready to learn, seeking to give excellent effort to my academic work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to honor my teachers and fellow students in a Christ-like manner as described in the Cedar Tree Honor Code (printed on back).
- \_\_\_\_\_ In purposing to abide by all Cedar Tree standards, I understand this includes abstaining from gossip, smoking, drinking, use of drugs, profanity, sexual misconduct, negativity or doing anything that would ruin or harm the Christian testimony of the school, myself, or my family. I realize my choices of music and entertainment activities should reflect the lordship of Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to embrace whatever my teachers ask of me with a grateful heart. I intend to receive their words of correction, direction, rebuke, or adjustment with a right attitude. In the case of discrepancy, I intend to follow the grievance process.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have carefully read and discussed with my parent(s) the contents of the Family Handbook and its behavior requirements, including dress code and electronic devices policies, and in good conscience, intend to abide by them fully.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have discussed the contents of the Family Handbook with my child and will require that s/he abide by its requirements, including the dress code and other behavior guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*The beliefs that shape us*

**THE BIBLE:** The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, and the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.

**GOD:** There is only one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**JESUS CHRIST:** Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where he is our high priest and advocate at the right hand of the Father, and will return personally in power and glory at the end of the age.

**HOLY SPIRIT:** The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate sinners, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living.

**FALL OF MANKIND:** Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin. This fall has affected every aspect of the character and capacities of humanity such that all people naturally think and act selfishly, and are liable to eternal judgment.

**SALVATION:** It is only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit that man can obtain spiritual life and salvation, which is by grace through faith alone. Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection provide the only ground of justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are saved.

**CHURCH:** There is a spiritual union of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ which spans all times and places.

**FINAL JUDGMENT:** Both the saved and the lost will be resurrected. Those who are saved will be glorified to eternal life in the Lord's presence, and those who are lost will be eternally punished.

**HUMAN LIFE:** All human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.

**SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE:** God creates each person to be either male or female, an identity that must remain unchanged. God intends marriage to be a union between one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, lifelong relationship, the only proper context for sexual intimacy.

## **CEDAR TREE HONOR CODE**

Cedar Tree students strive to be honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, faithful in study and service, and respectful of the rights of others, seeking to apply the Lord's command to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. **This means a Cedar Tree student agrees to encourage love and righteousness in the community, doing whatever is necessary to protect the school community from anything that may be harmful or destructive.**

The school honor code reminds us to love in such a manner – whether on or off campus – that represents Jesus Christ and upholds the unity or reputation of the school community. The school will hold students accountable for lying, cheating, stealing, sexual impurity, illegal drug use, gossip, and all other sins detrimental to our school culture (sins of commission). The school also will hold students accountable if they fail to act or speak in situations where God requires them to do so (sins of omission). Because sin harms everyone in the community, it is imperative that we all hold one another accountable like brothers and sisters in Christ. When students have knowledge of a sinful situation, they have an obligation, for the betterment of the school community, to inform a teacher or administrator so the sin can be dealt with and potential for harm to the community will be minimized.