



# EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD DECLARATION

State law has now established and defined the rights of 18-year-olds. With certain exceptions, 18-year-olds are considered adults under the law of Virginia (Section 1-12.42). Those 18-year-olds who want to act in lieu of their parents or guardians in granting permission regarding field trips, access to their student records by third parties (except those persons who have access without consent), part-time employment, use of motor vehicles, and questioning by police, must sign this declaration. As provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, parents or guardians of students who are dependents (as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) may have access to their student's record. Further, as required by the Code of Virginia (Section 22.1-277), the parent or guardian will be notified by letter of any instance of the student's suspension from school. School personnel will continue to contact the student's parent or guardian regarding his or her academic performance in school and any suspension from school even though this declaration is filed by the student. The school will inform the parents or guardians of this action by sending them a copy of the signed declaration.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having signed this declaration, understand that the school will deal directly with me as an adult, and I will abide by the following:

1. If I am to be absent or tardy, I will comply with the established attendance procedures applicable to all students.
2. I will accept responsibility for myself in those situations that would ordinarily involve parents or guardians, their permission, athletic physical forms, part-time employment, use of motor vehicles, and questioning by police.
3. I understand that guidance personnel will inform each of my teachers that I have signed this declaration.
4. I will carry a copy of this declaration and show it to school personnel upon request.
5. I understand that I am required to comply with all rules and regulations of the school except for those instances included in this declaration.

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Signature of Principal or Designee Receiving Declaration

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Date

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Student's Signature

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Date

Distribution: Student Cumulative Record, Student, Counselor, Parent or Guardian