State law establishes and defines the rights of 18-year-olds. With certain exceptions, 18-year-olds are considered adults under Virginia law (Section 1-204). Those 18-year-olds who want to act in lieu of their parents or guardians to authorize participation in field trips, part-time employment, use of motor vehicle, and questioning by police, must sign this declaration. The school will inform the parents or guardians of this action by sending them a copy of the signed declaration.

Even if this declaration has been filed by the student, school personnel may continue to contact and share information and records with the student’s parent or guardian about school matters so long as the parent or guardian claims the student as a dependent for tax purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, information and records about the student’s academic performance, attendance, conduct, and any suspension from school. (See Section 1232g. of Title 20 of the United States Code and Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-277.04 and .05).

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 notice to or permission of my parents or guardians such as authorizing participation in field trips, executing athletic physical forms, accepting part-time employment, use of motor vehicles, and questioning by police.

3. I understand that Student Services 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  Date

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Student Signature  Date