

## Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) Handbook Agreement

***Parents: Please read the following statements carefully and sign below to indicate your agreement.***

I hereby affirm that I have read the Student Handbook and discussed its policies with my student.

I certify that I consent to and will submit to all governing policies of NLHS, including all applicable policies in the Student Handbook.

I agree that, as a parent, I will not knowingly and/or actively endorse, promote, advocate, or support practices or activities that are not consistent with the doctrine and teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

I understand that the standards of NLHS do not tolerate profanity, obscenity in word or action, dishonor to God and his Word, disrespect to the personnel of the school, or continued disobedience to the established policies of NLHS.

I understand that the services of NLHS are engaged by mutual consent, and that either NLHS or I reserve the right to terminate any or all services at any time.

I understand that this Handbook does not contractually bind NLHS and is subject to change without notice by decision of the NLHS governing body.

Admission to NLHS is a privilege, not a right, and admission for one school year does not guarantee automatic admission for future school years.

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Signature of Mother (or legal guardian)

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Signature of Father (or legal guardian)

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**NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**LIFE TOGETHER UNDER GOD AT NLHS**  
**Student/Parent/NLHS Agreement**

Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) together with families, Association churches, and many others prepares all students for this life and for eternity through premier Christ-centered education.

Every aspect of a Christian high school education is based on God's Word (Proverbs 9:10). God's Word is our great source of strength, comfort, guidance and wisdom (Psalm 119).

**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM NLHS**

The faculty and staff of NLHS promise to meet your needs in Christian love for you and for our Savior. You can expect God's Word to be taught in its truth and purity (Titus 1:9; Galatians 1:8-9). You can expect excellence in teaching and faculty members who are available to you outside the classroom (1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:2). You can expect a rich variety of opportunities to develop your spiritual life and to express that life in roles of service and leadership. You can expect to be treated with respect, with fairness, with honesty, and with caring (Romans 13:8-9; Galatians 6:10). Finally, you can expect that this will all be done in a safe and secure campus environment.

**WHAT NLHS WILL EXPECT FROM YOU**

You will be expected to attend chapel or participate in private Bible reading each day (Psalm 1:2).

You will be expected to give your best effort, with a cooperative spirit, in your classes and in co-curricular areas such as music, drama, athletics, and student government (Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 10:31). Academic integrity means that your daily work, quizzes, exams, papers, or any other work will be 100% your own (Colossians 3:9).

While you are a student attending classes at NLHS, you are under our spiritual care. You will be expected to respect God's Word as taught by the NLHS faculty, even if you do not believe exactly as NLHS teaches (Matthew 23:1-3a). You are encouraged to speak privately with any teacher about questions or concerns you might have. You will respect the Word of God and be respectful towards those who teach God's Word in the classroom without being divisive or attempting to lead others astray (Titus 3:10).

You will be expected to conform your life to the values of God's Word (Psalm 119:9,133; 1 Peter 1:14-16).

God's Word protects people's well-being. Bullying and violence (Proverbs 3:29; Psalm 41:1), theft or destruction of property (Exodus 20:15), misuse of social media, inappropriate language (Ephesians 5:3-4), gossip (Proverbs 11:13), and slander (Proverbs 22:1) are a rejection of God's will and show a lack of love for others.

God's Word describes the human body as a temple (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The underage use of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs is a violation of civil law as well as God's law (Romans 13:1,13). NLHS promotes physical as well as spiritual wellness.

God's Word reserves sexual intercourse for the marriage of one man and one woman, as His gift and for the sake of families (Genesis 2:18-24). The Bible condemns as sin premarital sex (Hebrews 13:4), the

trivializing and degrading of God's gift of sex through the use of pornography (Matthew 5:28-30), sexually suggestive dress or behavior and sexual harassment (1 Corinthians 6:18; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Timothy 2:9-10), as well as homosexual behavior (Leviticus 18:22,24-25; Romans 1:18-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

### **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE**

NLHS recognizes that students have a sinful human nature and, therefore, will fail to follow God's law perfectly (1 John 1:8). Vital to Christian discipline is accountability (Proverbs 27:17; James 5:16). Students are accountable to God, to the law, and to the NLHS faculty, staff, and the Board of Directors. More importantly, students will see themselves as accountable to each other. At NLHS discipline is a matter of confession and forgiveness (Colossians 3:13). It is our goal that when students sin, they acknowledge their wrong and seek the forgiveness of those who have been wronged, as well as the forgiveness of God (Luke 15:21). For Jesus' sake, forgiveness is freely given (Psalm 32).

For the good of the individual and the entire student body, the student handbook spells out consequences for violations of school policy (cf. 2 Samuel 12:13-14; Proverbs 13:24). Students may be encouraged to transfer to another high school if it becomes apparent that their convictions and lifestyle are at odds with the beliefs and values of God's Word as taught at NLHS and that there is a lack of desire to struggle against what God's Word names as sin. Students will be expelled from NLHS when there is willful, persistent unwillingness to live under the will of God and this statement of understanding, in spite of repeated admonition (2 Timothy 3:1-5). NLHS willingly works with students who may be wrestling with their beliefs and moral values (Isaiah 42:3; Romans 15:1). However, when a student's position hardens in opposition to God's will and the NLHS mission and convictions, honesty and love dictate that they discontinue their enrollment at NLHS (Titus 3:10-11).

### **NLHS CONFESSION OF FAITH**

At NLHS, spiritual matters are more than a class or a daily devotion (Matthew 3:1; cf. Thesis #1 of Martin Luther's 95 Theses). Lessons from God's Word are an integral part of everything we teach and do. Below is a basic outline of what we believe and teach.

#### **WE BELIEVE...**

The Bible is the true and inerrant word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 17:17).

There is only one true God. In the Bible the one true God reveals Himself as three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19).

At the beginning of time God created heaven and earth and all creatures. He did this in six, consecutive days of normal length. Man and woman are God's special creation. The first people, Adam and Eve, lost the image of God when they gave into the temptation of Satan and disobeyed God's command. This brought on them God's judgment. Since that time all people conceived are born in sin and deserving of eternal damnation. Therefore, we are unable to make ourselves right with God by our own efforts and deeds (Genesis 1:1—3:19; 5:1-3; John 3:3-6).

The message of the Gospel is the good news that a loving God sent His Son, Jesus, to take away the sins of all people. The Gospel freely offers to all sinners the righteousness that is found in Him (Isaiah 55:1-3

Jesus Christ is the Savior of everyone and the only way to heaven (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). He is the eternal Son of God who became man to redeem all people (John 1:1,14; Galatians 4:4-5). Taking our place, He lived a perfect life, keeping the law of God for us (Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 5:19). He also died as our innocent substitute on the cross to pay a price sufficient for everyone's sin (1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:2). After rising from the dead, Jesus ascended into heaven (Luke 24), from where he will return to judge the living and the dead on a day which no one knows except God (Acts 1:11; 2 Timothy 4:1; Mark 13:32).

God judged all sinners righteous in His sight when Jesus Christ died on the cross for us (Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:19). God declared everyone free from the guilt and punishment owed for our sins. The sinner receives this free gift of forgiveness, not by doing good deeds, but only by faith (Romans 3:22-28; 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9). A person is justified when he or she believes this message. # Such faith is not produced by our own effort or resolve, but is purely a gift of God the Holy Spirit, which he creates, sustains, and strengthens through the Gospel in both message form and sacramental form (baptism and the Lord's Supper) (John 17:20; Romans 1:16; 10:17; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:26).

All those who believe in Jesus as their Savior from sin are not condemned by God and will inherit eternal life, while all those who do not believe in him stand condemned by God already and will be punished with everlasting destruction on the Last Day (John 3:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5).

Parent(s)/Guardian(s), by enrolling your son/daughter at Northland, you understand that these Bible teachings will be taught and you are giving us permission to minister to your son/daughter in this way. Students, it is understood that you are expected to attend worship with our NLHS family as we come together to hear God's Word. We also expect that as a student you will abide by the Christian and moral standards as prescribed in God's Word and outlined in our student and parent handbook. All signing this agreement also understand that admission to Northland Lutheran High School is a privilege, not a right, and that any behavior, either on or off campus, which is not consistent with the school's mission, philosophy, and objectives could result in the loss of that privilege. We are grateful to be able to serve your family. May God bless us as we work together!

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