



**Vertus**  
HIGH SCHOOL

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### The Non-Violence Pledge

Safety is an absolute priority at Vertus. Accordingly, all students must agree to abide by the Non-Violence Agreement:

***I agree not to use violence for any reason whatsoever at Vertus, while representing Vertus, or with any member of the Vertus community. I understand that this non-violence pledge applies to all parties involved in any fight, no matter whether I am right or wrong, or whether another student started it. I understand that this pledge applies from the time I arrive in the morning until I reach home in the afternoon, including on the bus, at the bus stop, or in the Transit Center.***

***I understand that the likely consequences for violating this contract are mandatory counseling along with suspension or expulsion under the School's Discipline Code.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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### Student/ Family/ School Agreement

Students achieve their goals when students, guardians and the school all partner for student success. Our Student/Family/School Agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the student, the guardian and the school. Students, guardian and a school representative sign the contract at the start of every school year.

#### **Vertus Promises:**

**Graduation:** Vertus promises to help each student to achieve all graduation requirements and to earn a career certificate or credential (including college credits at no cost to families). Our school will provide individualized coursework that meets the student where he is and allows him to progress at his own pace. The school will communicate graduation requirements and discuss progress toward graduation with students and guardians regularly.

**Communication:** Vertus promises to communicate with families in all the following ways:

- Preceptors will communicate about student progress at least once every two weeks (more if needed);
- The school office will call the guardian every day that a student is absent and has not provided advance notice of the absence;
- The school will call home when there is a major discipline incident;
- The school will provide regular Progress Reports showing credits earned, grades and attendance;
- The school will host family conferences three times a year.

#### **Student Promises:**

**Attendance:** I will come to school on time every day unless I have an excused absence.

**Participation:** I will participate actively and willingly in the learning process. I will have my binder and pencil as required, sit in my assigned seat, take notes, follow all academic rules, pay attention to instruction, complete all assignments to the best of my ability, and request help when I need it. I understand that I am not allowed to sleep in the learning lab or in classrooms.

**Behavior:** I will:

- Come to school in uniform and follow the dress code
- Turn in my cell phone and mobile devices every morning (no exceptions)
- Follow the Five Rules:
  1. Follow directions quickly
  2. Raise your hand for permission to speak
  3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat
  4. Make smart choices
  5. Make your dear staff happy



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- Use respectful language. I will not curse, “drill” or use the “n” word or ethnic slurs at any time with staff or with other students
- Refrain from fighting or play fighting
- Transition silently, single file, with my learning team unless I have a pass
- Respect and refrain from damaging school property
- Use technology in accordance with the Vertus Technology Policy

### Guardian Promises:

**Attendance:** I understand that Vertus is a year-round school and that my student is expected to be here every day. I will do my best to send my student to school on time, every day, well rested and ready to learn. I will call the school when he is sick or needs to miss school for an emergency.

**Partnership:** I will keep my contact information updated and let the school know when my phone number or address changes. I will answer calls from the school as promptly as possible and will come to school for requested conferences. I will let my student’s Preceptor or another staff member know of any concerns about my student’s wellbeing at school.

**Family conferences.** I will come to family conferences to review my student’s progress toward graduation. I understand that conferences will be held three times a year and that I can schedule an alternative appointment with my son’s Preceptor if I am unable to come to the scheduled family conference night.

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Student signature

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Date

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Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Preceptor signature (on behalf of Vertus)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date