

SCEC 6th-12th Grade Commitment Form

Commitment to required work: Teachers will state in their course descriptions whether or not a class will require homework or outside class participation. Therefore, a commitment is required from each student to be responsible for all homework and outside class participation for each class he/she is enrolled.

Grades: Grades will be issued in all 6th through 12th grade classes. Non-academic classes will be given a pass/fail grade (determined by class participation or lack thereof). Academic classes will be given grades based on the standard scale of A=90-100, B=80-89; C=70-79, 69 or below will be considered failing.

Attendance: If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to make up any work missed. Make-up work not completed and not turned in will affect his/her grade by being recorded as a zero.

Appearance: Students need to be careful to dress modestly and in a manner that would not be a stumbling block or cause distraction to others at Sonlight. Students will be asked to adhere to the following dress code while attending Sonlight classes:

1. Hair: Hair will be kept neat, clean and out of the eyes.

2. Clothing: Shorts, skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee from the kneeling position. (Meaning from a kneeling position, measured from the floor up to the bottom of the shorts. Anything over 4" is not within dress code.) Also, leggings can only be worn with a top that is no shorter than 4 inches above the knee, measured as described above.

No see-through clothing. No sleeveless shirts of any kind (tank tops, halters, spaghetti straps, cold shoulders.)

No cleavage period. Shirts should be modest so that when bending forward (such as in class to help a student) the chest stays covered.

Shirts and blouses must be long enough to cover top three inches of pants, shorts, or skirts.

No split-side skirts; no clothing that advertises (by name or symbol) illegal or immoral items or acts. Pants must be worn at the waistline, are not to be badly frayed or torn such that skin is revealed higher than 4 inches above the knee. Pants should not be overly baggy or sagging. There is to be no writing on the backside of pants, shorts and skirts. Please do not wear form fitting stretch pants such as exercise/yoga pants during Sonlight. If you are in a gym or exercise class, you can wear these for the hour of class only (t-shirt or shorts must still cover the bottom.)

3. Tattoos: All tattoos except wedding band tattoos must be covered while attending Sonlight classes.

4. Male Specific: Students and adults may wear a small stud earring but must remove and/or cover any facial jewelry while attending Sonlight classes. It is acceptable to wear a clear spacer in place of jewelry. Males are not allowed to wear makeup or clothing designed for females such as dresses, skirts and high heels.

5. Female Specific: In addition to earrings, a small stud nose ring is allowed (no hoops), but any other facial jewelry must be removed and/or covered while attending Sonlight classes. It is acceptable to wear a clear spacer in place of jewelry. Makeup and jewelry will be kept simple, modest and in good taste.

Electronic Devices: The only electronic devices allowed are those to be used for the sole purpose of school work. (Examples include laptops and calculators.) All electronic devices used for gaming and music are not allowed. The only exception for allowing music is during a study hall with earbud while studying. **Teachers and assistants should use cell phones only in case of emergency or for academic purposes during class time. Students should keep cell phones turned off or silenced during class, unless the teacher gives permission to use during class. Failure to follow these rules may result in disciplinary action.**

Behavior: You will be responsible to:

Participate – do what the teacher says and/or models.

Listen carefully to directions.

Not talk when the teacher or anyone else is talking.

Raise your hand if you want to say something.

Ask permission before using the restroom.

Sit unless the teacher tells you to do otherwise.

We expect to see an attitude of cooperation and respect. This includes consistent attendance, participation, and completion of class assignments. Students will be held accountable to the policies established in #5 and #6 of the Rules and Guidelines section entitled "Behavior" pertaining to disciplinary action and respect of property and to Rules #1-5 under "Dress Code".

Name Tags: Sonlight nametags must be worn above the waist in a visible location at all times by every person attending Sonlight. (Wearing nametags attached to sleeves, the bottom of the shirt, anywhere on the pants, etc., is not acceptable.)

Probation: Students with failing grades will be put on academic probation. If a student on probation fails a class the following semester, the student will be suspended from Sonlight for at least one semester. If the student is failing to turn in homework, coming to class unprepared, etc., the teacher will discuss the situation with the parent. If no improvement is made, the student will be placed in a study hall during that class time and, depending on their performance in the rest of their classes, a decision will be made at the end of the semester concerning whether that student will be allowed to return to Sonlight the next semester.

Commitment to year-long classes: If you sign up for a year-long class, you are committed to that class for the entire semester, unless you drop the first week and make a class change. After the first week you may drop the class at any time and go to Study Hall. In the spring, if there is space available in another class after registration is over, you may sign up for a new class instead of staying in study hall for the spring semester.