



Terms of Participation

Student's Name _____

Date _____

Academic Plan

Prior to beginning Catalyst High School, the parent and the student *identify the desired outcome* of the Catalyst experience. This choice is negotiable, but it helps us agree on a common goal.

- _____ Minimum graduation requirements of 235 credits
 _____ Completing high school in May/June, _____ or at any other specified time: _____
 _____ Completion of 250 credits, which will include college preparation classes

 Student's Signature

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Academic Honesty and Integrity

Catalyst students must take ownership of their learning, both inside and outside of school. We believe that maintaining high standards of academic integrity is critical in providing a quality education and preparing students for the future. When engaged in learning activities, students should seek assistance and advice from school personnel rather than gathering information or creating work in a manner that is unethical and undermines their own academic integrity and personal development. Further, students must understand that violations of copyright law carry criminal penalties. The following are violations of Catalyst Standards of Honesty and Integrity:

- Unacknowledged use of information, ideas, or phrasing of others
- Copying another writer without properly documenting the source
- Reproducing another person's work or part and submitting it as one's own
- Inventing information or a citation and presenting it as truth
- Misquoting or quoting out of context
- Working with another student on work that is intended to be done independently
- Downloading or purchasing and submitting papers or parts of papers from on-line resources
- Sharing or selling unauthorized answers by any means, including data storage/transmission devices
- Giving or selling work to someone who plans to copy it or submit it as his/her own

Should there be a suspected violation of Catalyst Standards of Honest and Integrity, the teacher will discuss the concern with the student, and the teacher may render consequences. If the misconduct continues, is extreme, or is not resolved to the teacher's satisfaction, the administrator will consider input from both student and teacher before determining a consequence, which may include, but may not be limited to, the student's suspension.

 Student's Signature

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Community Based Learning/Field Trips

Learning experiences in Catalyst High School may occur in the community and are part of the scope of the school's functions. Often, community-based learning experiences for individually contracted studies will not be supervised by a staff member. ***The parent's signature under this paragraph is sufficient for the student's participation on all single-day, off-campus trips, both supervised and unsupervised, and understands that there will be no further single-day field trip permission slips.***

 Student's Signature, if at least 18 years of age

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Transporting Students

Catalyst High School places responsibility for the decision that a student be allowed to drive himself or herself between points of the school experience on the student's parent/legal guardian. In so doing, the parent/legal guardian assumes responsibility for the student's own safety while traveling between points.

Any student, regardless of age, is forbidden to drive another student or students, or be a passenger in a vehicle driven by another student, regardless of age or ages, between points during any school activity or activities or between any community-based learning experiences and school that is, in any way, related to Catalyst High School. The signatures directly below indicate that the student and parent/guardian understand the student driving requirement explained above. Violation of this guideline may result in suspension or withdrawal from Catalyst High School.

 Student's Signature

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature
Attendance

Because of the block-style calendar in Catalyst High School, *regular attendance in Catalyst is critical.*

- For a class that meets two or three times per week for five weeks, we say that "missing one day in Catalyst is like missing two weeks in a traditional high school."
- In Catalyst, *the student is responsible* for his / her own attendance. *Except in extreme situations, the student, not the parent, must call the teacher at school on the telephone (not email) regarding an absence or tardy.*
- The student may pre-arrange an alternative attendance date by negotiating with the teacher, if done at least 24 hours before class time, for reasons such as appointments, court dates, and college visitations.
- In the event that a student misses a class completely, or is late to class, and consequently loses points, there is no opportunity to regain those lost points.
- Only a doctor's verification of a suspected contagious illness or a serious accident that requires medical attention qualifies as an excused absence. These are the only absences which may be made up.
- Only a long-standing pre-arranged plan between the school administration and family, created to support a student's individual needs, may overrule these guidelines.

 Student's Signature

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature
Permission to Video Tape, Photograph, and Post Name or Images

There may be times during the school year when media (newspapers, television, school class, etc.) may cover activities at Catalyst High School with articles, video or still photography that may be published internally, locally or regionally. Further, Catalyst High School may want to include school-oriented articles, video or photography on its own website or elsewhere on the Internet. The signature below indicates that the student's name or image may be included in media and/or school web coverage.

 Student's Signature, if at least 18 years of age

 Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Computer and Internet Usage

Inappropriate use of the Internet, school computers or handheld technology may result in temporary or permanent loss of Internet access and/or computer use privileges in Catalyst High School. Other consequences for such misconduct may include automatic “No Credit” for a class, withdrawal from Catalyst High School, legal action, and/or restitution for costs associated with any damages caused by such violations. The below signatures indicate that the student and the parent/guardian agree that the student will properly use the Internet, computers, and other technology to conduct research, create projects and presentations, and access the Internet for school-related academic purposes only while at school, under the terms and conditions set forth.

 Student’s Signature

 Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature
Results of Suspension

If a student is suspended for disciplinary reasons (See Student Handbook for details.), the contract for earning credit may close immediately, and the student may earn only the credit earned in that block up to that point. The school administration may determine that the student’s conduct is grounds for suspension during the following block as well. Tuition payments are expected to continue during any period of suspension.

 Student’s Signature

 Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature
Grounds for Dismissal

The following may be grounds for dismissal from Catalyst High School:

- Failure to earn credits in two or more consecutive academic blocks
- Behavior, on or off school grounds, that is dangerous, unsafe, or otherwise detrimental to others or self as outlined in the student handbook or determined by the administration of Catalyst High School. The school has the legal responsibility to contact law enforcement when laws are violated.

 Student’s Signature

 Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature
Compulsory Attendance Law

The Colorado State Legislature has adopted compulsory attendance laws to require consistent school attendance for youth under the age of seventeen years. These attendance laws place the responsibility of regular attendance on the student and the parent/guardian. Enrollment and active participation in Catalyst High School by students fulfills this obligation. Throughout their Catalyst experience, students are expected to attend all classes, off-campus school-sponsored experiences, appointments, and college classes, for which they are enrolled and/or contracted to earn credit. Catalyst High School shall not be responsible for the actions of a student who is truant, or any resulting consequences while truant. The signatures below indicate that the student and the parent/guardian understand the compulsory Colorado Attendance Law, as explained above, and how it relates to the student’s participation in Catalyst High School.

 Student’s Signature

 Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature
Additional Terms in Student/Parent Handbook

We understand that if accepted to enroll at Catalyst High School, the student and a parent/guardian will receive, and will be required to sign that they have received, a copy of the Student Parent Handbook that includes additional terms for enrollment at Catalyst High School.

 Student’s Signature

 Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature