

# SCEC 6th-12th Grade Commitment Form

**Commitment to required work:** Teachers will clearly state in their course descriptions whether a class requires homework or outside class participation. Therefore, a commitment is required from each student to be responsible for all homework and outside class participation in each class for which they are enrolled.

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

**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.

**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.

**Academic 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.

**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:**
  - a. **Shorts:** (this includes boys), must be no shorter than mid-thigh. For these purposes, thigh measurement will be defined as the length from the bottom of the buttocks to the crease/bend directly behind the knee. This would simply be divided in half to get each person's measurement of mid-thigh. If you are not sure if something is mid thigh then we ask you to go through these measurements for you or your child so that you will know if something is allowed. The Coordinators will not be measuring this for anyone but if we feel something is shorter than mid thigh, we will ask parents to check. If you are in a gym or exercise class, shorts must still be no shorter than mid-thigh.

- b. Skirts and Dresses: must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee from the kneeling position. If you plan to wear a skirt or dress (without long leggings), then we ask you to go through this measurement at home to make sure you are compliant. This means from a kneeling position, measured from the floor up to the bottom of the shorts, skirt or dress, anything over 4" is not within the dress code. No split-side skirts
  - c. Leggings: If one wears leggings, tight jogging pants, form-fitting stretch pants, and joggers that appear like leggings, they can only be worn with a top, skirt or dress that is no shorter than mid-thigh. For how to measure mid-thigh, please see the section above on shorts. If leggings are worn in gym or exercise class, a t-shirt or shorts must cover the bottom completely.
  - d. Pajamas: Pajama pants are not allowed.
  - e. Shirts: 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 the top three inches of pants, shorts, or skirts.
  - f. No clothing that advertises (by name or symbol) illegal or immoral items or acts.
  - g. Pants: Pants must be worn at the waistline, and 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.
3. **Tattoos**: Any tattoos that show by name or symbol illegal, immoral or unbiblical items, acts or images must be covered. Facial tattoos must also be covered while attending Sonlight classes.
4. **Jewelry & Makeup**:
- a. Male Specific: Students & 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, & high heels.
  - b. Female Specific: In addition to earrings, a small stud or hoop in the nostril is allowed, 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 earbuds 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.
- Raise your hand if you want to say something.
- Listen carefully to directions.
- Ask permission before using the restroom.
- Not talk when the teacher or anyone else is talking.
- 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 the Rules and Guidelines section entitled “Behavior” Rules #1-6 as well as to Rules #1-4 under “Dress Code”.

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