



**Alta Vista High School  
Student/Parent Contract  
2021-2022**

Every student is expected to arrive on time for school, with necessary supplies, ready to learn. Students are expected to complete the necessary work for a high school diploma, and to refrain from behaviors that might distract a teacher from teaching or other students from learning. The following will serve as a behavior contract for all Alta Vista High School students.

**Dress Code**

The following are guidelines to help promote a quality learning environment. Attire that distracts from the educational goals of the school is not permitted. Therefore, a student's dress must be **appropriate for the classroom** and for any activity in which he or she participates. Styles of dress that present a health or safety hazard to the student or other students or are **distracting and offensive to other students and faculty** or are **disruptive** to the educational process are not allowed.

Attire

- Clothing that in any manner, displays profanity, alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs including those with inappropriate double entendre will not be permitted.
- Attire that features offensive and/or vulgar words, pictures, gestures, or drawings that name, advertise, or promote sexually related products or activities is not permitted.
- Attire that includes words, phrases, or pictures that are derogatory to one's ethnic background, national origin, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, or disability is not permitted.
- Attire that is backless or strapless is not permitted.
- Attire that exposes an inappropriate amount of cleavage, midriff or thigh is not permitted.\*
- Footwear must be worn on campus at all times.
- Attire, articles of clothing or adornments, including tattoos, determined by administration and/or the Police departments that identify affiliation to any organization or group associated with or reputed to be involved in criminal activity is not permitted. Students may only wear one article of clothing that is red or blue. These rules may be updated as MVPD updates the school of changes.

\*(What constitutes a reasonable or inappropriate amount is left to the discretion of the AVHS Administration. Violations of the dress code will be dealt with in accordance with the AVHS Discipline Plan.)

Disciplinary actions include:

First Offense: Sent to principal, change clothing, confiscate item and parent contact.

Second Offense: Sent to principal for parent/student contact plus enforcement of first offense.

Third Offense: Suspension and possible transfer to alternative educational setting.

### **Closed Campus**

Students must stay on campus during school hours unless an off campus pass is secured from the principal. Students who violate this policy may be searched by the school administration. If a student becomes ill during the day, school personnel must contact a parent/guardian before the student may leave.

### **Attendance**

School attendance is mandatory. Students who have been absent for 3 full days without a valid excuse will be declared truant and may be transferred to another alternative educational setting. Period cuts are counted against students' attendance records.

### **Tardies/Period Cut**

A tardy is defined as absence from the time the bell rings until up to 30 minutes of a class period.

- Students who arrive to school 10 minutes late or later will need to come to the office to get an admit slip.
- Tardies will be counted across a student's entire schedule.
- At the 15<sup>th</sup> tardy, there will be a mandatory parent/student conference with the Principal.
- At the student/parent conference, consequences for continued tardiness are discussed.

### **Electronic Devices**

Students who carry electronic devices (Cell Phones, tablets, laptops or other electronic devices) are expected to use them responsibly and at their own risk. The school is not responsible for loss, theft or damage to electronic devices. Student use of electronic devices is limited on campus. Electronic devices may not be used during instructional time unless a teacher gives permission for educational purposes only. Speakers for devices are not allowed on campus. School Officials will confiscate electronic devices when they are being used in violation of these policies. Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy include:

First Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated and held in the office until after school.

Second Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated and a parent contacted.

Third Offense: The electronic device will be confiscated and a parent will need to come to the school to pick it up.

### **Language/Profanity/Slurs**

Students will not use language that is abusive or offensive to others through words, writings, or actions. Disciplinary actions include:

First Offense: Warning by staff

Second Offense: Sent to principal and parent contact made.

Third Offense: Suspension

### **Cheating Policy**

**Examples of cheating include the following:**

1. Copying homework or copying from another's exams.
2. Allowing someone else to copy your work.
3. Plagiarism (taking or passing off as one's own the ideas, writing, etc. of another. This includes all internet sources).
4. Improperly obtaining and/or using tests, questions, or keys.
5. Using unauthorized notes/materials or electronic devices (calculators, cell phones, computers)

Teachers will outline expectations for allowable collaboration.

1. First Offense - Zero on assignment or test, contact with parent by teacher, and possible one-day suspension from the class.
2. Second Offense - Zero on assignment or test and possible suspension from school.
3. Third Offense - Suspension, removal from class and possible assignment to alternative setting with no chance for re-enrollment. The student will be given the option of making up that class in summer school or through an independent study program.

### **Graffiti/Tagging**

Any students engaging in graffiti or tagging that leaves damage on a surface or object resulting in a need to be replaced, sandblasted, painted, chemically treated, or otherwise removed in order to restore the surface to its previous condition, regardless of the cost or the damage, will be subject to the following disciplinary consequences:

First Offense: Students will be financially responsible for any damage caused. One to three day suspension, school/community service, and/or consideration for expulsion (depending on severity) and referral to law enforcement.

Second Offense: Five day suspension, alternative placement at another site or expulsion from the district and consideration for referral to law enforcement.

### **Off-Limit Areas**

Alta Vista High School students must remain off of all other school sites between the hours of 7:00AM and 4:00PM unless they are taking classes at one of the traditional campuses. No one may enter any school campus without permission from that school during school hours. Violators may be cited for trespassing.

### **Fighting**

Our policy is to suspend students involved in a physical altercation during school hours or school activities regardless of who started the fight. Those who instigate a physical confrontation may be removed from AVHS for one full semester. Students removed from AVHS for a full semester may return upon completion of the following:

- Satisfactory attendance, behavior and credits earned in alternative placement
- Mandatory intervention meeting with all staff upon return
- Signed behavior contract
- Mandatory counseling

The principal reserves the right to remove a student permanently if warranted. Students are encouraged to seek alternative ways of handling disagreements, including seeking assistance from the principal, community resources coordinator, or a teacher.

### **Sexual Harassment**

Board Policy prohibits sexual harassment, which is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual and physical conduct of a sexual nature. Violation of this policy will constitute cause for disciplinary action.

### **Tobacco**

Smoking presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for smokers and nonsmokers. Students shall not be allowed to smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property or during school hours, at school-sponsored events, or under the supervision of district employees. (Education Code [48901](#)) Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension from school. (Education Code [48900](#))

### **Behaviors Leading To School Suspension And Possible Expulsion**

The school will enforce the district and state policies regarding suspensions and expulsions of students on school grounds or while going to or from a school sponsored activity.

#### **Mandatory recommendation for expulsion / Mandatory expulsion:**

- Possessed, used, sold or furnished a firearm **E.C. 48900(b)**
- Brandished a knife or used a dangerous weapon on a person **E.C. 48900(b); E.C. 48900(a)(1)**
- Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault or battery **E.C. 48900(n)**
- Offered for sale or sold a controlled substance, including alcohol **E.C. 48900(d)**
- Possessed, used, sold or furnished an explosive **E.C. 48900 (b)**

#### **Must recommend expulsion, unless special circumstances render it inappropriate:**

- Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause serious physical injury **E.C. 48900(a)(1)**
- Possessed a knife or other dangerous object **E.C. 48900(b)**
- Possessed a controlled substance **E.C. 48900(c)**
- Robbery or extortion **E.C. 48900(e)**

#### **Other:**

- Fighting: caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another

- person **E.C. 48900(a)(1) (2)**
- Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property; arson, graffiti, vandalism **E.C. 48900(f)**
  - Engaged in an act of bullying, harassment or sexual harassment, threats, incl. terrorist threat, intimidation, hate violence or racial slurs, including by means of electronic act **E.C. 48900.2&.4 E.C. 48900(r)(k)(i)**
  - Under the influence of a controlled substance **E.C. 48900(c)**
  - Possessed or use of tobacco or product containing tobacco or nicotine **E.C. 48900(h); 48901**
  - Committed obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity **E.C. 48900(i)**
  - Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia **E.C. 48900 (j)**
  - Disrupted school activities, disrespect/defiance of valid authority of school personnel in the performance of their duties, including gang-related activities, **E.C. 48900(k) 48900.7**
  - Possessed an imitation firearm **E.C. 48900(m)**
  - Harassment, retaliation, threatening or intimidation of a student witness **E.C. 48900(o)**
  - Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma **E.C. 48900(p)**
  - Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing **E.C. 48900(q)**
  - Stole, attempted to steal or received stolen school or private property **E.C. 48900(g)(l)**
  - Bomb threat (prank) **E.C. 48900 (b)**
  - Loitering/Trespassing
  - Academic Code Violation (Cheating)
  - Dress Code Violation

**\*\*A signed copy of this contract is required prior to enrollment\*\***