

St. Philip Neri  
3015 Chestnut Street  
Lafayette Hill, Pa 19444

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Every Catholic school student has a right to be treated as a child of God, with the love and respect that implies, regardless of family circumstances. In like manner, the believing community has the right to and education guided by Catholic teaching and identity, unimpeded by pressures contrary to Church teaching.

As parent/guardian of a student in a Catholic school, I understand, affirm, and support the following:

1. Attending a Catholic school is a privilege, not a right.
2. The primary purpose of a Catholic school education is two-fold: to strengthen the Catholic community in its faith, and to form students in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.
3. Catholic schools are distinctive religious education institutions guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. They are not simply private schools offering a positive moral code. Rather, they exist to advance the faith mission of the sponsoring Catholic parish(es), Archdiocese, or Catholic religious community.
4. While Catholic education places a high value on academic excellence and extracurricular achievement, its fundamental priority is fidelity to Catholic teaching and identity.
5. The school and its administration have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic teaching and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity and that the school is able to function as a community of faith.
6. In all questions that involve Catholic teaching, morals, and Church law, the final determination rests with the Archbishop.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child/children in a Catholic school, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this school and by enrolling my child/children I commit myself to uphold all principles and policies that govern the Catholic School. I acknowledge that I have read, accept and will abide by the policies found in the St. Philip Neri School Parent and Student Handbook\*.

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**FAMILY NAME (PLEASE PRINT)**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

\*St. Philip Neri Parent/Student Handbook is located on the School Website at:

<http://www.spnschool.org/school-handbook/>