

## Drone Safety Student Agreement

Per school district policy 4500 and procedures 4500P, authorized use of drones may be approved as a component of science, computer science, technology and aviation-related educational curricula relating to flight, aerodynamics, airplane design and construction of for coursework in other areas such as film production, photography or programming.

Drone safety is the number one priority for students, teachers, and parents. To ensure the safe usage of drones in the classroom, a list of rules and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) best practices have been developed in this student and family safety agreement. These rules must be followed at all times. Before flying a drone, this agreement must be signed by both the student and his/her parent or guardian and then submitted to the teacher.

### General Rules:

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the classroom or drone building/flying location.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, ask the instructor before proceeding.
3. Never fly drones alone. No student may fly or work with drones without an approved instructor/advisor present.
4. Safety goggles must be worn while working with and flying drone indoors.
5. Long hair, dangling jewelry, and loose or baggy clothing are hazardous. Long hair must be tied back and dangling jewelry and loose or baggy clothing must be secured.
6. Use propeller hulls.
7. If flying inside, only fly drones specifically designed to be flown indoors.
8. No more than two drones in flight at once.
9. If students are flying in a public place, staff must post notices and markers indicating the area of flight including notices on doorways and entry areas.
10. Any property damage or injury caused by drone usage will be immediately reported to the instructor in charge or an administrator.

### The FAA has also issued best practices for operating drones as follows: (Outside use only)

1. The drone registered with the FAA by the approved instructor or advisor. The registration is visible on the outside of the drone.  
[https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/register\\_drone/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone/)
2. Do not allow students to fly a drone unless an approved instructor or approved advisory member is present.
3. Keep drones below 400 feet and at least 25 away from individuals and vulnerable property.
4. Keep drones within visual line of sight and always have another person to act as a spotter.
5. Be aware of FAA Airspace Restrictions including special security instructions and temporary flight restrictions
6. Respect Privacy.
7. Never fly over groups of people, public events or stadiums full of people.
8. Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires or accidents
9. Do not fly drones in adverse weather conditions such as high winds or reduced visibility.
10. Never fly near other aircraft or within 5 miles of an airport without first contacting air traffic control and airport authorities. **Approved Instructors/Advisors will email Harvey Field with dates and times of flying drone at least 24 hours before the scheduled flight and keep a copy of the correspondence in their files.** <http://www.harveyfield.com/>

Sign page 2 and submit to teacher:



Agreement I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) have read and agree to follow all the safety rules set forth in this agreement. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety and that of my fellow students and teachers. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my teacher and fellow students to maintain a safe environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the teacher. I am aware that any violation of this safety agreement that results in unsafe conduct or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed from the drone activity.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Snohomish School District prioritizes efforts to create and maintain a safe classroom environment. With the cooperation of the teacher, parents and students, safety instructions can eliminate, prevent and correct possible hazards. You should be aware of the safety instructions your son/daughter will receive before engaging in drone activities. Please read the list of safety rules above. No student will be permitted to perform drone activity unless this agreement is signed by both the student and parent/ guardian and is on file with the teacher. Your signature on this agreement indicates that you have read this drone Safety Student and Family Agreement, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter and will instruct your son/ daughter to uphold his/ her agreement to follow these rules and procedure.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For office use only:

Returned completed signed form to CTE Director for records retention Date: \_\_\_\_\_