SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Declaration of Understanding

The purpose of this declaration is to clarify the three legal choices of education available to children in Washington state; public, private, and home-based (home schooling) instruction. Students are considered either one or the other.

Home-based instruction is authorized under RCW 28A.225. Where the parent has filed an annual Declaration of Intent with the district and is meeting the requirements stated in Chapter 28A.225, the student is eligible to receive home-based instruction. Students receiving home-based instruction are not enrolled in public education, they do not have to comply with the rules and regulations regarding public schools RCW 28A.200.010 (3). Because the student is not registered or enrolled in the public school, the school district is under no obligation to provide instruction or instructional materials for classes. Home-based instruction students are not required to participate in any district or State assessments RCW 28A.200.010 (3). Additionally, home-based instruction students are not eligible for graduation through a public high school unless they meet all of the graduation requirements established by the state, district and local high school, including earning the Certificate of Academic Achievement.

Private school students are students enrolled in an approved private school in the state of Washington. Students receiving private school instruction are not enrolled in public education; they do not have to comply with the rules and regulations regarding public schools. The school district is under no obligation to provide instruction or instructional materials for classes the student is not registered or enrolled in public schools. Students enrolled in private schools are not required to participate in all district and state assessment. However, private school students are not eligible for graduation through a public high school until they meet all of the graduation requirements established by the state, district and local high school, including earning the Certificate of Academic Achievement.

Private school or home-based instruction students may have access to ancillary services, and may enroll in a public-school course on a **part-time basis** where space is available. Part-time enrollment is defined as being less than full-time enrollment. In these cases, the student is responsible for maintaining acceptable attendance and meeting all course and school requirements. The student is considered to be a private school or home-based instruction student, when enrolled part-time in a public-school setting. Public school courses and classes in which the student is enrolled are under the direct control of the district and the certificated teacher supervising the course. Other classes, taught by the parent or the private school, are not part of the public school's responsibility. Therefore, for all classes in which a student is enrolled in a public school, individual class requirements, school and district attendance rules, and school behavior policies, must be followed. For classes taken under home-based instruction or as a private school student, the limitations and restrictions noted in paragraphs one and two above are in force.

Students enrolling in a public school as a **full-time** student are neither private school students nor home-based instruction students – they are considered **public school students** and are subject to the rules and regulations governing the actions of all public-school students. This includes, but is not limited to, attendance, meeting course requirements, graduation requirements, and assessment requirements. Full-time students are eligible for graduation from a public high school upon meeting all of the school, district and state requirements.

All instructional materials used for public school instruction must meet the standards set forth by the local school district and must be free from sectarian control or influence.

I am enrolling as a: ☐ full- time student ☐ part-time student

Student name: _____

I understand that I must meet applicable state, district, school and course requirements.

I have read and understand the above declaration _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student Date