

YWLCS Community Contract Universal Rights and Responsibilities

Vision

All young women have the skills, tools and opportunities to develop as ethical leaders shaping their lives and the world.

~Honoring Ourselves, Each Other, and Our Environment~

The following Community Contract was created with the input of ALL students and staff at YWLCS. Every member of our school community- staff members, students, family members and visitors- is entitled to the rights below, and is expected to share the responsibilities below, to make our community a safe, productive, and positive environment for all of us.

Rights

- I have a right to be treated equally, fairly, and without prejudice by my peers and teachers.
- I have a right to be myself without fear of being bullied or harassed because of my beliefs, race, religion, opinions, sexuality, physical appearance, or where I come from. This means that no one will hurt me by using rude or abusive language, violence, threats, or intimidation. If this happens to me, I have the right to tell someone and to receive help.
- I have a right to be talked to and listened to with respect. This means that others will speak to me politely, listen without interrupting me, and not curse or yell in school.
- I have a right to express my opinions freely and respectfully at appropriate times, and in an appropriate manner.
- I have a right to receive information

Responsibilities

- I have a responsibility to treat everyone equally, fairly, and without prejudice.
- I have the responsibility to respect the rights of others to be themselves, whatever their race, religion, opinions, sexuality, physical appearance, or where they come from. This means that I will not hurt others by using rude or abusive language, violence, threats, or intimidation. I also have the responsibility to help those who are being hurt and to report any of these behaviors of which I am aware.
- I have a responsibility to talk to others respectfully and be willing to listen. This means that I will speak to others politely, listen without interrupting them, and not curse or yell in school.
- I have a responsibility to listen and not be disruptive, and to respect others' ideas and opinions, even if different from my own.
- I have a responsibility to read the

that is relevant to my education in a timely and consistent manner.

- I have a right to attend open meetings and school forums so that I have an opportunity for my voice to be heard.
- I have a right to have my personal business and property remain private. Private information about me can be shared only on a need to know basis.
- I have a right to a clean environment – free of litter and graffiti – and access to equipment and materials that are useable and well-maintained.

information I receive and respond to it in a timely and consistent manner if my response is requested.

- If I want my voice to be heard, I have a responsibility to share what I have to say and to do so in an appropriate and respectful manner.
- I have the responsibility to respect other people's privacy. This means that I will stay out of others' personal business and property, and will not share other people's private information without getting their permission first.
- I have a responsibility to keep the environment clean. This means that I will pick up after myself, and will not litter or damage property.