

# Minnetonka Parent Pledge and Networking Directory

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## Parent Pledge:

- I will actively supervise the activities of my child's friends when they visit our home.
- I will not knowingly allow gatherings in my home without responsible adult supervision.
- I will continue to foster open communication and share accurate information to help my child make good choices.
- I will establish a clear "family position" on the use of illegal substances and discuss the position with my child(ren) on a regular basis.
- I will not serve nor will I allow anyone under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol or use or possess illegal substances in my home or on my property.
- I will be ready to receive calls from the parents of my child's friends and answer any questions they might have about supervision, media, alcohol use or other concerns they may have while our children are together.

## What are the benefits for participating in the Parent Networking Directory?

- Building your own network of parents will help you stay informed. As your kids mature, they will become increasingly sophisticated in making plans independently.
- When adults join together and take a united stand, they feel more empowered to "do the right thing," and are often more effective than when they act separately.
- Names, phone numbers, and addresses of participants are published in a directory, which encourages parents to network.

## Parental responsibility when hosting a youth party or gathering:

- Confirm with parents who call about the party that alcohol will not be available nor allowed. (Parent Tip: Facilitate a comfortable call by offering up this information before being asked. You may also want to mention media, i.e., your family position on R-rated movies, video game ratings, and/or internet monitoring.)
- Be a visible host. (Parent Tip: Use small snack dishes and replenish often!)
- Encourage "by invitation only" gatherings so you know who is at your home.
- Call the parents of anyone who appears to be under the influence or is in possession of illegal substances. (Parent Tip: If it were your child, wouldn't you want to know?)

## Suggested parental responsibility when your child is invited to an activity:

- Call the adult in charge of the activity to verify the occasion, location, and that there will be "active" adult supervision.
- If the activity seems inappropriate, express your concern, keep your child home, and seek an alternate activity.
- Your job is not to just "trust," but to "verify" your child's plans. When plans check out, trust builds!

*Thank you for supporting a vision of our community in which youth **choose not to use, and are supported and valued for that choice!***



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Sign up online at [www.tonkacares.org](http://www.tonkacares.org) or complete form below and return it to Tonka CARES at DSC.



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By taking the pledge you are giving Tonka CARES permission to publish your name, your child's name, your address, and phone number(s) on file with the Minnetonka School District in the 2011-12 MHS Parent Networking Directory. The information in the directory is intended for personal use by families taking the pledge. Use for business, political or financial gain is prohibited. Be sure to renew your commitment to the Parent Networking Directory pledge every year!

Parent Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check here if you would like us to include your email address.** (We use the primary email on file with the district.)