



Overview of Expectations

- Congratulations on your appointment! You were selected because you will be an outstanding addition to this program.
- This initiative continues to change and evolve each year, and we want it to be a great experience for you! Help us make this year a great one by providing your input and feedback.
- We recognize that you have a lot going on. However, if you accept a position, it needs to be a **priority**. If you don't feel like you can make this a priority, please turn down the position for this year.
- Communication is key. It is really important for you to keep in contact with the chair(s) of your board/commission and the Youth First adult advisor (Meleah).
 - Check your email regularly and read your texts.
 - Respond when questions are asked of you.
- Keep Meleah in the loop on how things are going! You will have one-on-one meetings with the her throughout the year. This is a chance for you to ask questions, bring up ideas and let us know how we can help you!
- You have a voice – use it! **Don't** just keep the seat warm.
- However, be aware that you will be asked to “speak for youth.”
 - Resist that temptation.
 - Instead, seek input from your peers! We can (and will) help you do this.
 - Your power comes by giving others power & voice.
- There will be bumps this year. Before committing, be sure that you're willing to ride them out and give us feedback on how to smooth them out.
- Provide us feedback early and often.
- It is an expectation that all participants sign and adhere to the Youth on Boards Code of Conduct/Participation Agreement.
- Attendance is critical. You can't make a difference if you don't show up. As a result, your position may be given to another youth in the event that you:
 - Have two (2) unexcused absences – please alert the chair(s) of the board/commission and the adult advisor at least the day before the meeting if you cannot attend.
 - Miss 20% or more of the meetings, regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

Help us ensure that we don't have to use the attendance policy.



Commitment Pledge for Board/Commission

I, _____, wish to formally accept a position on _____ for the 2019-20 school year.

I recognize that participating in this group is a significant commitment that I am willing and able to make.

I have attended an orientation session. I understand the expectations of accepting this position. I appreciate that communication is key and pledge to remain in contact with the Youth First adult advisor and chair(s) of the board/commission. I will update them on any issues I may be experiencing while serving on this board and/or any questions or concerns I may have.

I also understand the attendance policy. I recognize that attending the meetings is a critical responsibility on this board/commission. I understand that if I have two unexcused absences or miss more than 20% of the meetings, my position may be given to another student. I understand that communication is key to my success and will respond to emails and text messages.

I have also read, signed, and agree to adhere to the Youth on Boards Code of Conduct/Participation Agreement.

Signature

Date