



Memorandum of Understanding

This agreement and acknowledgment for the minor student and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) is a requirement of enrollment and matriculation at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the artistic, academic and residential programs, I/we _____ as _____ parent(s)/guardian(s) and _____ the student, agree to and acknowledge the following conditions and requirements.

I. **General Program Requirements**

As parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we understand that the artistic, academic and residential programs in UNCSA college division have not been designed or implemented for individuals under eighteen years of age. Neither monitoring of activities and behavior nor provision of parenting attributes is undertaken as part of the living and learning programs. Each student is expected to behave as a young adult and to take full responsibility for his or her actions and behavior. Matriculation of a student under eighteen years of age does not change these expectations or requirements.

II. **Academic Expectations**

As parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we understand and agree that the student is responsible for art school and general studies class attendance, timely completion of class assignments and participation in all required art and academic class activities. We further understand that monitoring of class work, daily tutoring or any other assistance beyond that provided to other students may not be available and is not guaranteed by this agreement.

III. **Residential Requirements**

As parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we understand and agree that the residential living arrangements and programs were designed and have been implemented for young adults. Curfews are not maintained and doors and exits are neither monitored nor staffed. We further understand that social programs are often available for both men and women students and that individual behavior in this regard is neither monitored nor guided. Students are generally responsible for

their own safety and security in the residence halls and are expected to exercise reasonable and responsible judgment in their use of these facilities. In that regard, we understand and agree that the minor student is capable, mentally and emotionally, to live in the residence hall and to participate successfully in residence hall activities.

IV. Extra-Curricular Activities and Athletics

As parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we agree that the extra-curricular activities, including athletic activities, are designed and implemented for the young adult. We understand and agree that the minor student will only participate in those activities that he or she is physically and emotionally capable of undertaking. We further understand that regulations of sports federations, leagues, conferences and associations may limit or preclude participation of minor students in certain athletic activities.

V. General Rules and Regulations

As parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we agree and understand that the rules and regulations governing student conduct were designed and implemented for the young adult. We agree, however, that the minor student will abide by all of these rules and regulations and, if found in violation, may be sanctioned according to the disciplinary procedures and punishments set out in those codes. In addition, we understand and agree that the university may promulgate additional rules or requirements covering the minor student's participation and that he or she will be responsible for abiding by those additional regulations. We further understand and agree that the university may take whatever action is necessary to protect the integrity and efficacy of its artistic, academic, residential and other programs. In this regard, we agree that the minor student's participation may be withdrawn if these programs are disrupted or altered in any way by the student's behavior. We further agree that as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we take full responsibility for the behavior and conduct of the student and any consequences resulting there from.

VI. Rules Governing Use of Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco

As parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student, we acknowledge that individuals under 21 years of age may not possess or consume alcohol or assist others under age of consuming or possessing alcohol. We agree that the minor student will abide by all state laws and UNCOSA regulations relating to alcohol and that he or she may be sanctioned in accordance with those laws and regulations for any violations.

We further agree and understand that possession; the laws of North Carolina and the regulations of UNCOSA prohibit use, sale and trafficking of illegal drugs. We also agree and understand that the laws of North Carolina and the regulations of UNCOSA prohibit misuse of prescription drugs. We therefore agree and understand

that the minor student will abide by all state laws and university regulations relating to illegal drugs or the misuse of prescription drugs and that he or she may be sanctioned in accordance with those laws and regulations for violations.

We further agree and understand that individuals under 18 years of age may not use tobacco or tobacco products. We agree that the minor student will abide by all state laws and UNCOSA regulations relating to tobacco and tobacco products and that he or she may be sanctioned in accordance with those laws and regulations for any violations.

We also acknowledge, understand and agree that misuse of alcohol, drugs or tobacco can have dangerous and harmful effects on the minor student's physical, emotional and mental health and we take full responsibility for the consequences resulting from the minor student's use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco. We/I the parent(s)/guardian(s) agree that we/I will discuss these issues with the minor student and will take all reasonable action to assure that the student understand the dangers and effects of the use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco.

VII. Health and Medical Issues

We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student understand that matriculation on a college campus and living in a residence hall may expose the student to certain conditions, diseases or illnesses. We agree that the student has acquired all immunizations required by the State of North Carolina and that we have taken all reasonable precautions to assure that the minor student is medically able to matriculate on campus and live in a residence hall.

We further agree that the student may encounter stress, decisions and social issues not always found in a high school setting or home environment. However, we agree that the minor student is capable, physically, emotionally and mentally, of participating in campus or residence hall activities. If the student becomes unable to participate physically, emotionally and mentally, we agree that we are responsible for informing UNCOSA officials and taking all reasonable steps to restore the capability. If not successful, we understand that UNCOSA may disenroll the student from the residential and/or academic program or art program.

We further agree and understand that the minor student has adequate health insurance and we agree to be financially responsible for all medical debt not covered by applicable insurance or on-campus health services.

We further agree that if the minor student is injured or becomes ill, UNCOSA or its agents may consent and secure medical treatment for the student. We also agree that the university or its agents may release information to other persons who may need this information to promote or protect the health and safety of the student or others on the campus or in the school's programs.

VIII. Financial and Debt Issues

We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student acknowledge and agree that we are responsible for all financial liability and other debts of the student. We agree to satisfy this liability and debts in a timely manner and to take all reasonable steps to assure that the student does not acquire debts or incur financial liability for unnecessary items or services.

IX. Records and Documents

We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student acknowledge and agree that minor students enrolled in a university of higher education have rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts. We therefore agree that the University may release information from the minor student's files based on the minor student's consent without further consent by parents/guardians unless otherwise prohibited by law. We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student also agree, however, that UNCOSA officials may communicate about material in a student's file directly with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student if these officials determine it is either in the student's or UNCOSA's best interest to do so.

X. Communication Issues

We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student agree that problems or issues associated with the student's matriculation or participation in UNCOSA's programs or activities will be communicated promptly to UNCOSA officials. We further agree that we will promptly report and disclose to UNCOSA officials all pertinent information concerning the student's ability to participate successfully in the university's programs or activities.

XI. General Risk Acknowledgment

We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student agree that there are safety risks associated with the student's participation in programs and activities designed for young adults. We agree that we have thoroughly discussed these risks and that the student is capable of making reasonable decisions concerning these risks. We further agree that UNCOSA will not be liable for injuries or losses not caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of its employees, officials or agents.

XII. Applicable Laws and Forum

We as parent(s)/guardian(s) and the minor student agree that should there be disagreements or problems with the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the laws of North Carolina will govern any resolution. We further agree that should litigation or grievances result, the forum for any lawsuit, hearing or adjudication shall be North Carolina.

Student Name (please print) _____ Art School _____
Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name (print) _____
Address _____
Home Telephone () _____ Work Telephone () _____
Cellular Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____