



Alcohol Pact

At _____ (school name), we agree to the following minimum standards around alcohol:

1. To play an active role in educating our pupils about the harmful effects of alcohol. This includes teaching our pupils about social responsibility when it comes to alcohol as well as the dangers (physically and socially) associated with it.
2. Educating our staff on the problems associated with underage and excessive drinking.
3. We will advise our pupils on the dangers of visiting night clubs where alcohol is freely available to legal minors.
4. We will discourage our pupils from going out on a Friday night, especially if he/she is participating in a sporting event on the following day.
5. Our staff, pupils and parents will be encouraged to report any unauthorized use of alcohol to the school principal.
6. We will encourage our staff and pupils to speak openly about underage or irresponsible drinking and bad behavior, and contact parents whose children engage in underage or irresponsible drinking.
7. We will encourage the parents of our pupils to monitor their children's whereabouts and to set and maintain rules and boundaries for their children.
8. We will discuss the subject of underage or excessive drinking with the parents of our pupils, sharing information about the patterns of behavior, concerns, signs or symptoms of problems and worrying situations.
9. Reach agreements with the parents about consistent and helpful ways of dealing with underage drinking.
10. Seek to provide and encourage opportunities for healthy and enjoyable social interaction in an alcohol-free environment.
11. Set a good personal example for all our pupils.
12. Encourage parents to avoid hosting open parties.
13. We agree to place this pact on our school website.

Signed _____

Designation at school _____ Date _____

Adapted from the Independent Schools Association of South Africa Alcohol Pact