

## **ADULT STUDENT POLICY**

### **Adult Status Of 18-Year Old Students**

When a student attains adult status at the age of 18 (or in some instances, status as emancipated minor) (“Adult Student”), the student holds educational rights for their education. The Adult Student is granted by law the right to sign all legal documents related to school and to represent themselves in all dealings with Clarksville Charter School (the “School”). The parent/guardian of Adult Student shall no longer be provided access to the student’s education records or receive notice of absences or other official communications from the School without the specific written authorization of the student.

This policy does not remove rights parents/guardians may retain for Adult Students under applicable law. For instance, Adult Students receiving special education services are treated as adults in compliance with Education Code section 56041.5, which provides for notification to both the student and the parent/guardian of procedural safeguards. School will provide notice to parents/guardians of transfer of educational rights once a student with exceptional needs turns 18 years old per Education Code section 56041.5.

Adult Students shall assume the rights and responsibilities normally accorded to parents/guardians of minor students in all matters involving the School. Such rights shall include the right, consistent with applicable law, to:

1. Have sole access to their cumulative record;
2. Have sole access to student progress reports, including report cards;
3. Verify attendance and compliance with school; and
4. Make enrollment decisions.

The School Board of Directors acknowledge Adult Students should assume responsibility for their education, including attendance at school using standards for attendance and work completion. School policies shall apply to Adult Students in the same manner as parent/guardians of minor students, as appropriate.

### **Student Authorization of Parent/Guardian Access Rights:**

By written notice to the School, an Adult Student may authorize parents/guardians to maintain certain educational rights for the student, such as the right to access the student’s education records, receive reports on student academic progress, etc. If you have questions about this written authorization, please contact your Homeschool Teacher.

Even without the written authorization, the parent/guardian is not completely barred from supporting their Adult Student’s education. For example, a parent/guardian may assist an Adult Student by submitting work product completed by an Adult Student on the student’s behalf, but the School will not provide information about the Adult Student’s academic progress with the parent/guardian without the student’s written authorization.