



# Mattawan High School

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## Declaration by Student of Adult Status for School Matters

A student who has reached her/his eighteenth birthday has a legal option to assume full rights of an adult regarding school matters. Although the district does not encourage students to exercise this option, the school district realizes its legal obligation to comply with legislation.

In declaring adult status, the student assumes the following responsibilities:

- Attendance.** The student must submit a note with a reason for absences, tardiness or early dismissals. In the event of an absence due to an appointment, written verification of an excusable absence activity as determined by the school may be required for the student to be excused and eligible to have classroom work made up for full credit. Appointments for shopping, personal care, auto repair, lunch and/or recreation are not excused absences.
- School Procedures.** A student that declares adult status is fully responsible for class scheduling, academic progress and all consent forms. The student declaring adult status is not excluded from abiding by all school policies and rules as outlined in the Mattawan High School Student Handbook. The student is further fully responsible for representing herself/himself in due process proceedings.
- Communication.** In signing the declaration of adult status, the student assumes all responsibility for notifications and written communication including report cards, credit audits, progress reports, graduation information and all other communication typically sent to parents.
- Duration of Adult Status.** Once a student declares adult status, the student may remove herself/himself from adult status by declaring that intent in writing to the high school principal.
- Parent Notification.** Mattawan Consolidated School reserves the right to advise parents of situations regarding a student at the high school, regardless of age, when the district deems it worthy of parental involvement.

**STUDENT DECLARATION:** I hereby certify that I am eighteen years of age and declare myself to have adult status as a student at Mattawan High School.

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Student Name Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Address (street, city, state, zip) / /  
Date

**PARENT DECLARATION:** By signing the line below I acknowledge that I have received information that my daughter/son has declared adult status regarding school matters.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature / /  
Date

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** The signature of the administrator below acknowledges receipt of this form with the effective date of this declaration to be that date to the right of the administrative signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Signature / /  
Date

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