

## Understanding/Consent Form

This form is designed to ensure that parent/guardians and nominees fully understand their responsibilities if nominees are selected to attend Arkansas Governor's School. Signatures of both nominees and parents/guardians are required.

### **2022 Arkansas Governor's School Leave Policy**

Arkansas Governor's School is state funded, highly competitive, and interested in fostering a very strong sense of community among its participants. Therefore, it is believed to be inappropriate for students who have accepted a place at AGS to take temporary leaves from the program. Time away from the program has an undesired effect on student participation, both for the individual and for the Governor's School community at large. We know that gifted and talented students will have many quality opportunities during the summer. Although we hope that students invited to attend AGS will accept our invitation to attend for the full four weeks, we understand that other choices are available and difficult decisions must be made. For students desiring to take advantage of other opportunities that coincide with AGS, students should decline the AGS invitation which will allow another student to be invited to benefit from the entire program.

Temporary leaves will be granted for certain situations and only these situations. Requests for special leaves of absence, except in the case of emergencies, must be made in writing at least one (1) week in advance and include explicit justification for the leave. Documentation may be requested to verify listed justification. A leave may be granted for the following situations:

- personal or family emergencies
- medical reasons
- weddings of immediate family members
- extremely important events of major personal, regional, or national significance

Exceptions:

- Students are allowed to be checked out by an authorized person and leave campus on Sundays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Students are allowed to be checked out by an authorized person and leave campus for **one** 24 hour period during the session. This is intended to give students a chance to participate in important senior year activities such as senior pictures, etc.

Please note:

- Proper paperwork must be filled out and submitted at least one week in advance.
- The student cannot miss more than 2 class days. (Leaves granted for medical reasons may not exceed a total of five (5) class days.)
- The leave cannot be during the first 3 days or the last 3 days of the program.
- No student may be granted more than one leave of absence.
- Proper documentation may be requested to verify the listed justification for the leave.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have read and understand the Arkansas Governor's School Leave Policy and agree that if accepted, I will attend the entire program, July 5 to August 5, 2022.
- I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the essay I have submitted is mine.
- I understand that I will be expected to complete assignments both in and outside the classroom.
- I understand that all school data related to my nomination are available to the Student Selection Committee and I waive my right to review any comments/information supplied.
- I hereby submit my name for nomination to the Arkansas Governor's School.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have read and understand the Arkansas Governor's School Leave Policy and agree that if accepted, the student will attend the entire program, July 5 to August 1, 2022.
- I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I waive my right to review any comments/information supplied.
- I hereby consent to my student's nomination to the Arkansas Governor's School and for the school officials to report my student's achievement and aptitude test scores.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You can return your signed form one of three ways:

- Upload to the application portal before submitting your application.
- Email to [ags@atu.edu](mailto:ags@atu.edu).
- Mail to AGS, 215 W. O St., Russellville, AR 72801.