



# GENERAL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

*(For All School-Hosted, Organized, or Sponsored Activities and Events)*

In consideration of being permitted to participate in, volunteer for, attend, or otherwise be involved in any programs, activities, events, classes, performances, rehearsals, meetings, field trips, competitions, cultural events, community service activities, or other functions hosted, organized, sponsored, or facilitated by **Howard County Chinese School** ("HCCS" or the "School") (collectively, the "Activities"), whether occurring on or off School premises, the undersigned acknowledges, understands, and agrees as follows:

## 1. Acknowledgment of Nonprofit Status and Voluntary Participation

I understand that Howard County Chinese School is a nonprofit organization operated largely by volunteers for the purpose of promoting Chinese language learning, Chinese cultural heritage, and community service. I acknowledge that my participation (or my child's participation) in the Activities is voluntary and that I enter into this Agreement freely and voluntarily with full understanding of its contents.

## 2. Assumption of Risk

I understand that participation in the Activities involves inherent risks, including but not limited to accidents, personal injury, emotional distress, illness, property loss or damage, and, in rare cases, serious injury or death. These risks may arise from the nature of the Activities, the condition of facilities, travel, weather, or the actions or inactions of participants or others. I knowingly and voluntarily assume all such risks, whether known or unknown, foreseeable or unforeseeable, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 3. Release, Waiver, and Covenant Not to Sue

On behalf of myself, my child (if applicable), my spouse/partner, and our respective heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, I hereby **release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** Howard County Chinese School and its board members, officers, directors, teachers, instructors, contractors, volunteers, employees, agents, representatives, and any owners or landlords of premises used for School Activities (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to participation in the Activities, including claims for personal injury, emotional distress, property loss or damage, or death, **to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law**, even if caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees.

## 4. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

I agree to **indemnify and hold harmless** the Releasees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to my participation (or my child's participation) in the Activities, my breach of this Agreement, or any damage to School facilities, equipment, or property caused by me, my child, or accompanying family members.

## 5. Compliance With Rules and Reporting of Unsafe Conditions

I agree to observe, follow, and obey all rules, policies, and instructions of the School during the Activities. If I observe or become aware of any unsafe conduct or condition, I agree to report it promptly to a School representative.

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## 6. Emergency Medical Authorization

I authorize Howard County Chinese School to obtain emergency medical treatment for me (or my child) if deemed necessary during the Activities. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for any medical or related expenses incurred.

## 7. Consent to Photo and Media Use

I grant permission to Howard County Chinese School to photograph, video record, or otherwise capture images of me (or my child) in connection with School Activities and to use such images in School publications, newsletters, websites, social media, newspapers, and other public relations or educational materials, without compensation.

## 8. Financial Responsibility for Damages

I agree to assume full financial responsibility for any damage to School facilities, equipment, or property caused by me, my child, or accompanying family members during the Activities.

## 9. Binding Effect and No Modification

I understand that this Agreement is binding for the duration of my participation in School Activities and that it may not be modified except in writing by the School. No oral representations or modifications shall be valid.

## 10. Acknowledgment and Signature

I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and legally competent to sign this Agreement, that I have read it carefully, fully understand its terms, and sign it voluntarily and with full intent to be bound.

Participant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MINOR PARTICIPATION (Required if Participant Is Under 18)

I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor ("Minor"). I consent to the Minor's participation in the Activities and agree, on behalf of the Minor and myself, to all terms of this Agreement, including the assumption of risk, release, waiver, indemnification, medical authorization, photo use consent, and financial responsibility provisions. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any claims or liabilities arising from the Minor's participation or from any breach of this Agreement by the Minor or by me.

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