

GREAT NECK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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great neck south high school

FACING HISTORY STUDENT INTERNSHIP INTEREST/PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has expressed interest in the Facing History Program, which is a unique program for students who want to make a difference in our school, local, and global communities. This 12th grade course is designed to increase tolerance and multicultural understanding through literature, history, psychology, service learning, and research. It is co-taught by a team of teachers from the English, Social Studies, Library and Internship departments, and satisfies the English and Social Studies requirements for senior year as well as an elective credit.

Second semester includes an **off-site service-based internship** that provides an opportunity for civic engagement to promote upstander behavior. This program provides an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work experience outside the classroom. Internships take place off-campus at various locations, including non-profit organizations, schools, cultural institutions and private employers. Internships occur during the school day and some continue after school.

Because this program does not follow a traditional academic format, we ask that parents read these program requirements carefully and make sure that this sounds like a good fit for the student in question.

Families must understand the following about the second semester internship experience:

- Once accepted by a participating internship organization interns are expected to fulfill their commitment of a **minimum of 80 hours per semester**.
- In order to maintain good relationships with institutions and employers it is important that students are on time, diligent, reliable and finish what they start.
- Students will communicate regularly with the Facing History teachers on a periodic basis to share their experiences and to discuss any problems that might arise.
- Students will meet all deadlines including periodic checks of their signed internship time sheets and submission of supervisor evaluation forms.
- Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from their internship location, which includes carpooling with a duly licensed student driver. (Junior license or permit holders are NOT permitted to drive other students). Faculty advisors may assist students in arranging transportation but the school is not able to provide transportation. **All students are expected to help cover carpool gas expenses.**
- Student interns shall comply with and be bound by the Great Neck School District's policies, rules and regulations, including its student code of conduct, while participating in school-sponsored internship programs.
- Students who fail to meet these obligations and requirements may be denied school credit for their internship experience.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program or your child's participation, please feel free to contact Nicole Kinsey at (516) 441-4862 or nkinsey@greatneck.k12.ny.us.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read the student internship permission form and agree to abide by all of the terms and conditions stated herein concerning my participation in the Student Internship Program.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT AND RELEASE

I am the parent or legal guardian of the student identified above. I give permission for my child to participate in the Student Internship Program during the spring semester of the upcoming academic year as described above. I have read the permission form in its entirety and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein. I understand that internships take place off-campus, that my child will receive credit for his/her successful participation in the program, and that my child will be responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from the internship location. In order to ensure a school parking permit and maintain the integrity of the program, carpooling will be arranged with other Facing History students, and all students are required to contribute to gas money expenses. (Please note: only those students who carpool will be given priority in parking.)

I hereby release the Great Neck School District and its board of education, officers, employees and agents, from all claims in connection with my child's participation in the Student Internship Program, including any claims for injury, damage or loss that may occur during my child's participation in the internship and/or during transit to or from the internship location.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____