



RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL
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Age of Majority

According to Maryland law, students who are eighteen years of age or older have attained their legal majority. The law provides, among other things, that an individual may enter into legally binding contracts, buy and sell securities, act as a broker, and generally assume the rights and responsibilities that had previously been reserved to those twenty-one years of age and older.

The provisions of the law have implications with regard to the way that schools must work with students who have reached the age of eighteen. If a student elects to exercise his or her majority, the school must honor the student's signature on absence notes, field trip permission forms, and other forms that previously required signed parental consent. In instances where school attendance or deportment are at issue, the school will deal directly with the student if the student chooses not to involve the parents or guardian. The student also may have access to his school records and may determine what other persons shall have access.

Students who reach their eighteenth birthday while enrolled at Richard Montgomery High School will be required to inform the registrar that they are eighteen years of age and choose to exercise their majority rights. At that time the appropriate notations will be made on the student's records. Please note that Richard Montgomery High School reserves the right to revoke this form upon approval from the Administration.

By signing below, a parent does not signify agreement with the student's decision, only awareness that the student has made the choice to exercise his or her majority rights. While it is recognized that conditions created by the law may be unsettling to parents as well as students, the law is clear and the school system is required to adhere to its provisions.

Student's Name (printed) _____

Student's Birth Date _____ Student's Signature _____

I am aware of my child's decision to exercise his/her majority rights.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Approved: _____
Dr. Nelson McLeod