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**Foreign Language and Fine Art Waiver**

High School graduation requirements in the state of Tennessee were changed beginning with the graduating class of 2013. As part of the Tennessee Diploma Project, all students are required to earn two credits in a single foreign language and one credit in a fine art. The state of Tennessee expects all students to be “College and Career Ready”, whether students aspire to attend college or enter the workforce.

The Tennessee Department of Education has determined that “In **exceptional circumstances**, schools may waive the foreign language and fine art requirement for students who are not planning to attend the university to expand and enhance their elective focus.”

As educators, we at Alvin C. York Institute, feel that our students should be prepared to pursue any career they choose. We desire for all students to earn the two foreign language credits and one fine art credit. However, for those Career and Technical Education (CTE) students who have no plans of ever attending college, we will waive this requirement providing their parents/legal guardians sign the agreement below.

Students who do not complete the regular high school graduation requirement, must replace the three foreign language/fine arts credits with an additional focus. This will require **two** CTE focus elective areas (6 credits).

I grant permission for my child to waive the foreign language/fine art requirement. I understand that my child will replace these three credits with an additional focus area for a total of two CTE focus areas.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Student Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

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YAI Faculty Member Signature as Witness Date \_\_\_\_\_