

**College of the Redwoods
Office of Residential Life
Eureka Campus**

**Contract Addendum:
Minor Students in the Residence Halls**
(Minors: Students under the age of 18 years old)

The purpose of this contract addendum is to make certain that all minor students who are accepted into the Residence Halls at College of the Redwoods have a clear understanding of the implications of their choice to live in an adult environment. The College is requiring that the parents/guardians of these minor students also sign this addendum, so that there will be a shared understanding of how the College views the presence of minor students in the CR Residence Halls, and how the staff will approach certain issues, should they arise. This document must be signed and returned to the Residential Life Office before the student will be allowed to move into the Halls.

First of all, it is our expectation that both the student and the parent/guardian realize that the student is moving into a living environment that is designed for adult students. The staff, therefore, will not be assuming the role of “in loco parentis” for the minor students who choose to live on the CR campus. Put more plainly, the staff will not serve as substitute parents to minor residents, nor will they monitor minor students’ behavior or view their choices differently than they would those of students aged 18 and older.

Secondly, it is our expectation that the student and parent/guardian have had a discussion of the realities and potential risks of living away from home in an adult environment, and that they have determined that the student has the maturity to live and function in this setting. We assume, too, that the student is empowered and expected to make day-to-day academic and life-style decisions and choices on his/her own.

Finally, it is our expectation that the parent/guardian wants and expects the student to find and use his/her own voice.

From the College’s perspective, these three expectations translate into the following operational guidelines for the staff working with residents in the halls:

- The staff will expect to hear directly from the student when there is an issue or concern that needs to be resolved. If the student is sharing information with his/her parent/guardian that the parent/guardian thinks we need to know about, s/he should encourage the student to tell us, not call us to speak for the student. If the student cannot speak for him/herself, he/she is probably not mature enough to move into this environment.
- The student will be expected to tell the staff if s/he sees or knows of behavior that violates the Student Code of Conduct or the residence hall guidelines. If

