



## **Gloves Up, Guns Down Non-Aggression Agreement**

**Gloves Up, Guns Down Program** is dedicated to fostering a safe and harmonious environment within schools, neighborhoods, and communities by establishing a non-aggression agreement. This initiative aims to curb violence and crime resulting from conflicts among peers. Through this agreement, we seek to promote peace, understanding, and respect among individuals, ultimately creating a society where all members can thrive without fear of harm or retaliation.

### **The core principles of this non-aggression agreement include:**

1. No Physical Harm: Participants commit to avoiding physical violence, fighting, intimidation, or any behavior that could harm others. They pledge to uphold peace, respect, and safety for all individuals involved. This agreement ensures a harmonious and secure environment for everyone to express themselves freely and without fear of harm.
2. No Verbal Aggression: No verbal aggression means refraining from using insults, bullying, name-calling, or any language meant to belittle or threaten others. It involves communication that is respectful, kind, and considerate, promoting a safe and positive environment for everyone involved.
3. Conflict Resolution: Participants are dedicated to resolving disputes and conflicts peacefully by utilizing methods like open communication, constructive negotiation, and mediation to establish commitments. These commitments foster a harmonious environment and encourage understanding among individuals.
4. Respect and Empathy: Participants are urged to value each other's viewpoints and emotions, and to understand and relate to differing perspectives. The agreement fosters a culture of respect and empathy among individuals, promoting harmony and understanding within the group.

## **The purpose of this agreement is to:**

1. Reduce Conflict: By clearly stating a commitment to non-aggression, the agreement can effectively deter conflicts from escalating further. This proactive approach promotes peaceful resolutions and fosters a harmonious environment for all parties involved.
2. Build Trust: By creating a safe and supportive environment, my peers and I can build trust and collaboration more effectively. Feeling secure and protected encourages open engagement and teamwork towards shared objectives. This atmosphere enables us to freely express ourselves, share ideas without fear, and form strong relationships built on respect and understanding.
3. Foster Positive Relationships: This agreement is essential for creating a positive and supportive environment for me and my peers to learn from each other. It promotes collaboration, respect, and growth in our interactions, fostering a space where everyone feels valued and encouraged to freely express their thoughts and ideas.
4. Promote Respect: The agreement reinforces the value of kindness, compassion, and consideration towards others, fostering positive interactions and relationships. It promotes unity, understanding, and a supportive community. Upholding respect and empathy principles cultivates a cohesive environment.

By agreeing to this agreement, I commit to peaceful conflict resolution and refraining from any harm towards peers. The goal is to foster mutual respect and cooperation, creating a safe environment for communication and education. Promoting values of respect and peaceful conflict resolution benefits community well-being. The duration of the agreement is ongoing.

Print Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

