



Youth Ministry Code of Conduct

Purpose:

Our Youth Ministry exists to help students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, build healthy friendships, and develop godly character. Everything we do - our words, actions, and relationships should reflect Christ's love, respect, and integrity. This Code of Conduct is designed to create a safe, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment for all students.

1. Christ-Centered Behavior

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a way that honors God and respects others at all youth ministry events, including meetings, trips, retreats, and online spaces connected to the ministry.

- Treat leaders and peers with kindness, respect, and consideration.
- Avoid behavior that is disruptive, disrespectful, or harmful to others.
- Remember that your actions reflect not only yourself, but the youth group and the church.

2. Respect for Others & Community

Youth group is a shared space meant to be inclusive and encouraging.

- Bullying, teasing, harassment, gossip, or exclusion of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Students should help create an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and welcomed.
- Conflicts should be handled respectfully and with the help of leaders when needed.

3. Dating & Romantic Relationships

Romantic relationships can be a meaningful part of life, but they must be handled in ways that protect the unity and purpose of the youth group.

- Avoid public displays of affection and one-on-one isolation, remaining in public or supervised spaces during events.
- Our words and conversations, both in person and online, should reflect Christ's love by being kind, respectful, and inclusive.

4. Leading by Example

Older students and student leaders are expected to set a positive example in behavior, language, and relationships.

- Be mindful of how your actions influence younger students or newer believers.
- Use your influence to encourage others and model maturity and godly character.

5. Safety & Accountability

The safety of all students is a top priority.

- Follow all youth ministry rules, instructions from leaders, and church safety policies.
- Remain in appropriate areas during events and trips.
- Any behavior that compromises safety will be addressed immediately.

6. Online & Social Media Conduct

Online interactions connected to youth group should reflect the same values as in-person interactions.

- Be respectful and appropriate in group chats, social media, and messages related to youth ministry.
- Do not post or share content that is inappropriate, hurtful, or exclusive.
- Leaders may address online behavior that negatively affects the group.

7. Guidance & Support

Youth leaders are here to help, not to control.

- Students are encouraged to talk with leaders if they have questions, concerns, or need guidance.
- Conversations will be handled with care, respect, and confidentiality when appropriate.

8. Christ Comes First

Above all, our goal is to grow in love for God and others.

- Romantic relationships, friendships, activities, or personal interests should never take priority over one's relationship with Christ or commitment to the youth community.
- We seek to encourage one another toward spiritual growth, wisdom, and faithfulness.



Youth Relationship Guidelines

Purpose:

Our youth group exists to help students grow in their relationship with Jesus, develop strong friendships, and pursue godly character. Romantic relationships can be a meaningful part of life, but they must be handled in ways that build up the group and reflect God's love, purity, and respect for others.

1. No Public Displays of Affection (PDA)

- Holding hands, cuddling, kissing, or other forms of physical affection are not appropriate during youth group events.
- Youth group is a space for building community, not for expressing romantic affection.

Why this matters: It can create discomfort, distractions, or feelings of exclusion, especially for younger or single students.

2. No One-on-One Alone Time

- Couples should not separate from the group or isolate themselves during events, at church, or on trips.
- Always remain in public or supervised spaces.

Why this matters: It promotes accountability and safety for everyone involved.

3. Watch Your Language & Conversations

- Avoid flirty, suggestive, or exclusive talk, especially in group settings or online chats connected to youth group.
- Keep conversation Christ-honoring, inclusive, and encouraging to others.

4. Set the Tone for Younger Students

- Older or more mature students are expected to lead by example in conduct, speech, and relationships.
- Think about what message your actions send to middle schoolers or newer believers.

5. No Dating Distractions

- If a relationship is causing distractions, drama, or division in the group, leaders will step in to redirect and, if necessary, create boundaries.
- Breakups or dating tension should not derail the group experience for others.

6. We're Here to Talk

- Leaders are available to talk privately if students have questions, concerns, or need guidance about relationships or boundaries.
- The goal is not to control, but to help students grow in wisdom and godliness.

7. Christ Comes First

- Our ultimate goal is to help each other grow in love for God and others. Romantic relationships should never become more important than your relationship with Christ or your commitment to the group.