



# GROUP RULES

## GENERAL RULES

- Rules are to be followed by youth (7th-12th) and also apply to those in The Arch (5th-6th) when around youth
- Be where your supposed to be not where your not
- Show respect for volunteers and leaders and listen to them at all times
- Respect other people, their property, and the church campus or meeting area's facilities/property/equipment
- Don't verbally, physically, mentally, or emotionally harm yourself or others
- Most importantly encourage, comfort, and lift one another up while showing Christ's love to everyone you encounter as we grow closer together and into His likeness

## DETAILED RULES

- Respect others physical boundaries. No inappropriate physical behavior (i.e. rough housing/carrying others, bullying, sitting/laying on others, holding hands — unless entire group is holding hands for a game or group prayer —, physical intimacy/PDA, sexual harassment, etc.)
- Be kind, encourage eachother, and look out for one another's emotional and mental health (no verbal/social media/text bullying, gossip/spreading rumors, harassment, continued mean/discouraging/inappropriate/trash talk, etc.)
- For everyone's safety, students are not allowed to hang out in parking lots or go outside of the church/venue/meeting area without adult supervision
- You must participate in all activities, including meals, hangouts, and activities that you are present for
- Do not bring or use illegal drugs/controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco products, CBD, vaping devices, dangerous materials, weapons (knives, guns, blow guns, brass knuckles, slingshots, etc.), or explosives to/during ministry gatherings

- Students cannot transport or ride with other students during activities/events
- No one is allowed to attend trips, or ride the bus without a signed Permission Form and Group Rules from parent/guardian and participant

## DRESS CODE

- No sleeveless shirts
- No sagging pants (pants must remain at waistline)
- No short shorts or mini skirts
- No tight clothes
- No crop tops
- Leggings can be worn with shirts that come to mid-thigh
- No jeans with holes above the knee (unless paired with leggings underneath)

## VISION & PROCEDURES

If you see someone breaking one of these rules, come to an adult to address the issue instead of talking about it openly with other students. The goal of these rules is to create a welcoming environment, with as few distractions as possible, where we can grow closer as a student ministry fam and, most importantly, grow into the loving likeness of Christ individually and as a group (not to shame others or make them feel unwelcome).

**Breaking of any of these rules may result in these progressive disciplinary steps:**

1. The student will be asked by an adult leader to correct the behavior.
2. The student minister will talk with the student to discuss the problem behavior.
3. Parents will be notified of discipline or behavior problems.
4. The student will not be allowed to attend ministry event(s) for a determined amount of time based on the severity of rule(s) broken.
5. A talk with both the church pastor and student minister to determine next steps.

**Any questions about violations and enforcement will be decided by the student minister.**