

## MIDDLE- & HIGH-SCHOOL YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH-, SCHOOL-, & DIOCESAN-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH

The Offices of Catholic Schools, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry provide opportunities that allow young people from all over the Diocese of Owensboro to be educated, grow in their faith, have a fun time, and form Christian friendships. All that we do stems from our belief in Jesus Christ and the following of his teachings. Therefore, we have certain expectations of the children, youth, and adults who participate. To ensure a safe and enjoyable time for everyone, the following policies are in effect for all parish, school, and diocesan-sponsored activities with youth.

- I will treat everyone with respect, courtesy, dignity, patience, loyalty and integrity. I will behave in a way that respects the rights of all.
- If I am being hurt or if I become aware that anyone is being hurt verbally/physically, I will notify a supervising adult.
- I will be cooperative and do those things that promote a good reputation for my school/parish and me.
- I will treat property with care. If I break something, I will tell my supervising adult.
- I will avoid posing any health risk to others (i.e. fevers or other contagious situations).
- I understand the use of cell phones and other electronic equipment is highly discouraged, unless a supervising adult grants permission.
- I will not possess/use/purchase tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, inappropriate videos, inappropriate reading materials, or other objects.
- I understand in extreme cases of misconduct, my parents/legal guardian and legal authorities will be notified, regardless of the time. In these cases parents/ legal guardians will be financially and/or physically responsible for participant’s transportation home from school/event. I understand I am subject to search and seizure policies (available upon request—policy p. 200:9).
- If I become aware of any violation of this Code of Conduct by anyone, it is my responsibility to notify my supervising adult as soon as possible.

**YOUTH PARTICIPANT/STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant/Student Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

The Diocesan Policy states, “at least two supervising adults should be present when there is only one minor, and at least two participants should be present when there is only one supervisory adult.” Please explain this to the child. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to see that youth arrive and are picked up at designated times to avoid violation of the above mentioned policy. This also applies to teens who drive themselves.

--For school events if the teacher, staff contact, or an adult supervisor is in attendance, that person should keep this form. If youth are not accompanied by school representative, then forms should be forwarded to appropriate school office PRIOR to event.

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