



# Youth Ministry Code of Conduct

(Adopted 5/2007)

As a participant in the Youth Ministry of First Baptist Bristol, I understand and agree to the following:

- I will respect myself, other people, other people's property, and the church property.
- I will be an encourager, not one who ridicules, makes fun of, or criticizes.
- I will deal peacefully with anger and disagreements.
- I will participate and contribute in a positive way in all group activities and obey the instructions of the youth ministry staff.
- During services and Bible studies I will show respect by not causing disruptions and not talking unless called on to respond.
- I will use language that reflects a Christian attitude. I will not use curse words or other foul language.
- I will maintain my witness by keeping my hands to myself: no tickling, wrestling, piggyback rides or inappropriate touching (which means: do not touch anyone anywhere that a bathing suit would cover). In addition, physical displays of affection such as kissing, full body hugs, sitting on laps, and lying or sleeping next to each other are inappropriate and being isolated or alone with another student is not allowed.
- I will wear modest clothing. No clothing that is sexually suggestive or spiritually degrading. T-shirts or other clothing with evil, vulgar, illegal, or inappropriate content will not be permitted. In addition there should be: no midriffs, no low-cut tops, no spaghetti straps (tank tops must have a strap width of at least two fingers), no see through clothing, and no sagging pants (no boxers or underwear showing). Dress shorts or jean shorts must have at least a 4 inch inseam, and athletic shorts must be properly fitting with an inseam of at least 2.5 inches (not rolled up). Ladies are required to wear modest one-piece bathing suits or modest tankinis. Guys—no Speedos.
- I will not use cell phones, iPods, cameras or other personal electronic or entertainment devices during activities and services. Special rules apply to trips: Bringing these devices on trips is highly discouraged and according to the needs of the trip is sometimes prohibited. On some trips the devices are allowed but may only be used during designated times.
- I will stay with the group at all times. For example, if we are having a meeting in the youth center, I will not leave the youth center. If we are on a trip, I will stay with the group or in a small group of no less than three (if instructed to do so).
- I will not leave any activity, service, or trip before its published ending time without approval from a parent or guardian "in person" or by phone.
- I understand that teen drivers are not allowed to carry other teen passengers to a youth ministry meeting, activity, or trip without prior written consent from a parent or guardian. Sibling passengers are at the discretion of the parents and do not require written consent. Teen drivers are not allowed to drive along with or behind the group on youth trips.
- I will not possess a gun, long blade knife, or any other weapon at any youth ministry activity at the church or away.
- I will not use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other illegal drugs at any youth ministry activity.
- I will not engage in sexual intimacy or sexual harassment, and will not possess pornography at any youth ministry activity.

I have read the Youth Ministry Discipline Policy and the Code of Conduct and agree to abide them.

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(Student Signature)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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