

**GRADES 6-12 CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR PARISH-, SCHOOL-, & DIOCESAN-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH**

The Offices of Catholic Schools, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry provide opportunities for young people from all over the Diocese of Owensboro to encounter and follow Jesus Christ, building a community of faith that empowers them to go forth as missionary disciples. With these goals in mind, we have certain expectations of the children, youth, and adults who participate.

1. I understand that young people participating in the Church’s youth activities (under 18 or any older youth still participating in high-school level activities) are under the care of supervisory adults, who are responsible for knowing and following diocesan policy. I will be cooperative and respect their role.
2. I will remain at the event for its duration unless organizers have received expressed permission from my parent/guardian.
3. I will respect the rights of all. I will treat everyone with respect, courtesy, dignity, patience, and integrity. If assisting an adult, I will use positive reinforcement with younger children and not threaten, demean, or degrade others.
4. I will present myself in a way that promotes a good reputation for my school/parish/family and me. This includes attire appropriate to the activity (e.g. modesty, logos, etc).
5. I will treat property with care. If something is damaged, I will tell a supervisory adult.
6. I will avoid posing any health risk to others (i.e. fevers or other contagious situations).
7. I understand the use of cell phones and other electronic devices is discouraged, unless a supervisory adult grants permission. Any technology use should reflect the goals and mission of the activity. **Please leave cell phones at home. They will be taken if brought.**
8. I will not possess or use tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs. I will not possess or use pornographic or other inappropriate videos, reading materials, or other objects.
9. I will not possess, use, or threaten to use any object to injure another person or myself (e.g. knives/sharp objects, guns, weapons). The Diocese has in place a Search & Seizure Policy (available on request and on diocesan website).
10. If I am being hurt or if I become aware that anyone else is being hurt emotionally/verbally/physically, I will notify a supervisory adult.
11. I understand in extreme cases of misconduct, my parent/guardian and legal authorities will be notified, regardless of the time. In these cases parents/guardians will be financially and/or physically responsible for participant’s transportation home from school/event. I understand I am subject to diocesan search and seizure policies (available upon request and on diocesan website).
12. If I become aware of any violation of this Code of Conduct by anyone, it is my responsibility to notify a supervisory 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 / Legal Guardian _____
Date

Notes:
1. By signing this, I acknowledge that photographs/videos of my child may be used for the purpose of publication. If I do not want my child photographed for such purpose, I am responsible for notifying the program organizer in writing.
2. Diocesan policy states that “no one should be left alone in a supervisory capacity. There should always be a minimum of two Safe Environment-cleared adults” present. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are to ensure that child arrives and is picked up at designated times to avoid violation of this policy. This also applies to teens who transport themselves.

--An adult supervisor in attendance should have this form accessible. **For school events** if youth are not accompanied by school representative, then forms should be submitted to appropriate school office PRIOR to event.