

**GRADES K – 3
CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR PARISH- AND 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. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to explain this Code of Conduct to their child.

I will be kind and say nice things to others.

I will keep my hands to myself except when helping others.

I will take turns and include others in games.

I will tell an adult in charge when someone is being hurt or there is an emergency.

I will respect other people’s property and private space.

I will be a good listener and not interrupt.

I will obey school/parish rules and respect the adults who watch over me.

The Diocese has in place Search & Seizure Policies (available upon request—policy p. 200:9).

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

Note: 1) It is highly suggested that parents/guardians talk with the child about the dangers of accepting unknown substances from others as it may be drugs or harmful substances.

2)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 children arrive and are picked up at designated times to avoid violation of the above mentioned policy.

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I will treat everyone kindly and not harm them in any way either by words or actions.

I will take only what is given to me and not take anything which belongs to others without permission.

I will not be selfish. I promise to treat other boys and girls as if they were my brothers or sisters or best friends.

I will speak truthfully, kindly and gently and not tell lies or say hurtful things to anybody or about anybody.

I will take care of my body and not use alcohol or drugs. I will not possess, use or threaten use of any object to injure another person. (e.g. knives, guns, weapons) The Diocese has in place Search & Seizure Policies (available upon request-policy 200:9).

I will follow the instructions of my adult supervisors to the best of my ability.

I will follow established rules of my school/parish and take responsibility for my own actions.

If I become aware of any violation of this Code of Conduct by a peer, 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 children arrive and are picked up at designated times to avoid violation of the above mentioned policy.

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

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- 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.

Search and Seizure Policy:

To safeguard all involved, adults may feel the need to make a physical inspection of a person or his/her possessions. Diocesan Search and Seizure Policy states:

1. No search shall be conducted unless there are reasonable grounds to believe the search will reveal evidence of a violation of the Code of Conduct or the law.
2. Two adults must be present for a search. Searches shall only be conducted by those directly responsible for the person's conduct (e.g. Director/Coordinator of Faith Formation, youth minister, parish chaperone, etc.) along with another adult witness.
3. When a search is conducted, either the conductor of the search or the adult witness must be the same gender as the subject of the search.
4. **Searches:**
 - a. **do NOT involve touching** of the participant by an adult—Note: NO PAT-DOWN SEARCHES
 - b. **are limited** to a person's outer clothing, pockets, or his/her personal effects (e.g. handbags, backpacks, etc.)
 - c. may include requiring participant to empty pockets or personal items
 - d. may include requiring participant to pull pants legs up and pull socks down
5. Only legal authorities (i.e. police) have authorization to conduct pat-down searches.
6. No search shall be conducted in the presence of any other participant (except the parent/guardian of the person being searched, if he/she is in attendance).
7. Legal authorities, if appropriate, and parent/guardian will be notified immediately.
8. Items that may be seized are illegal items (e.g. weapons, drugs, etc.) and any other possessions reasonably determined by authorized personnel to be a safety/security threat.
9. Other items may be seized temporarily if they disrupt or interfere with the individual's or others' participation. Such items will be returned to the participant at the end of the activity. (Examples include cell phones and other electronic equipment, keys, etc.)
10. Those who fail to cooperate with search request shall be subject to other disciplinary action.