

CBC Youth Group Code of Conduct

Healthy boundaries and guidelines are needed to promote a fun, safe, learning experience for students. At the core of the guidelines is *respect* – respect for each other, respect for leaders, respect of property, and ultimately respect for God. Below is our basic youth group code of conduct (from the Medical Release & Permission Form all students are asked to sign each year):

- Respect one another, staff, and adult leaders
- Respect and comply with event schedules
- Respect property
- No possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
- No fighting, weapons, fireworks, or explosives
- No bullying or physical intimidation
- No offensive or immodest clothing
- No boys in girls' sleeping areas and no girls in boys' sleeping areas
- Participation with the group is expected
- Seatbelts are to be worn while traveling

Given the natural energy and passion of students, behavior could occasionally be an issue not appropriate for a learning environment. For that reason, CBC's Youth Leadership Team has set up the following discipline guidelines for youth group settings and events. [Note: YLT and youth sponsors may restrict students from participating in off-site events if past behavior patterns are cause for concern; they also hold the right to send a student home at parents' expense if reasonable attempts to remediate are unsuccessful.]

3-step method for discipline issues:

1. Look (eye contact, clear warning)
2. Move (move student to different seat or have sponsor sit beside them)
3. Remove (adult sponsor takes student out of room to parent or designated adult)
 - If a student is removed, the adult sponsor will follow-up with the student to make sure they understand the guidelines/purpose; also, the parents will be notified.
 - If a student is removed a second time, the student will be asked to miss 2 weeks. Parents will again be notified. The leader should communicate their desire for the student returning with excitement for appropriate participation.

Note that the goal is not *punishment* (focus on the rules and misbehavior) but *discipline* (focus on future good behavior and corrective training). We desire that all students feel valued and cared for. If you have questions about these procedures, please contact a YLT member.