

Harvest Bible Church Student Ministry - Student and Parent Behavior Contract

Expectations of Students:

Be respectful of each other.

- Always treat fellow youth members, visitors, leaders, and any guest speakers with dignity and respect.
- Student-to-student harassment is prohibited at youth group. Verbal and physical harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. This may take many forms and can be physical, verbal, or written. Examples include bullying, hitting, gossiping, or making fun of another person.
- Raise your hand to speak during the lesson time. Do not interrupt others.
- All students should listen to one another carefully and respond in a courteous manner. At no time should derogatory comments be made about anyone or his/her opinions.
- Phones are to be put away during all activities unless otherwise stated. If phones are seen out they will be taken and given back at the end of the activity.

Be respectful of leaders.

- Students are expected to recognize the authority and responsibility of all Harvest leaders by obeying instructions and demonstrating respect. Anyone who fails to meet the specified guidelines will be dismissed from an activity.

Be safe.

- At no time should a student leave the premises or wander off without a youth leader's accompaniment or prior permission.
- Students are not allowed to wander the halls during youth group meetings.

Expectations of Parents/Guardians:

- Respect, understand, and support all leadership and policies of the Harvest youth group.
- Recognize and understand that youth leaders and personnel must enforce the above rules and policies to ensure a safe learning environment for all.
- Teach your children to respect the rights of others and to follow youth group rules.
- Emphasize the importance of being a person of character in the home, church and community.

Consequences for Misbehavior

The consequences for misbehavior outlined below aim to exemplify grace. It is our goal that any student that commits an offense learns from it. We desire for all students to participate in all activities and will not hold prior offenses against students who have already completed the consequences for such (assuming that a pattern does not emerge).

Consequences for Offenses:

1st Offense: The student will receive a verbal warning.

2nd Offense: The student will be pulled aside by a leader to discuss the offense.

3rd Offense: The student will be pulled aside by a leader and will be asked to call his/her parents, explain why they are calling (i.e. what actions got them into trouble), and ask to be picked up immediately. At this time, the student will receive advance warning that the next offense will result in suspension from Harvest youth group for 1-2 sessions and a parent/student meeting with a youth leader and/or elder shall be scheduled.

Youth group leaders reserve the right to determine the severity of misbehavior and may choose to skip or modify any of the above stated consequences. Students who reach their 3rd offense multiple times may lose privileges of participation in youth group meetings or activities.

Student Pledge

- As a member of the Harvest youth group, I pledge to follow the above Code of Conduct, to respect others and myself, and to treat everyone in my church community with fairness and consideration.
- I understand and agree that youth group must be a positive and cooperative environment so that everyone can learn and grow.
- I understand that my regular attendance is a key to spiritual and community growth.
- I understand that violence, disruptive behavior, and abusive language are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

STUDENT AND PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

_____ **Student**
(Name printed and signature) Date

_____ **Parent(s)**
(Name printed and signature) Date

By signing this document you agree to abide by the above expectations and understand that failing to abide by said expectations could and will result in consequences as outlined above.