



Youth Ministry Student Code of Conduct

The Youth Ministry at Maranatha Bible Church exists to come alongside families in our church, partnering with parents in shepherding youth, praying that the Lord would draw them to Himself through the gospel of Christ and that they would desire to know, love, and serve Him.

Because of that, MBC wants to ensure that our gathering times serve as a place where students are accountable for their actions, seeking to honor the Lord and love one another through their conduct. We also desire to be clear on the expectations of students during these times, so that they would be showing respect for their leaders, and the Lord, as we seek to share the word of God with them.

1. **BEHAVIOR TOWARDS LEADERS** | Students are responsible for honoring those in authority, following rules and directions as given, being respectful and attentive during the lesson, and leading by example among their peers. (1 Tim 4:12; Titus 3:1)
2. **BEHAVIOR TOWARDS OTHERS** | Students are responsible for their actions and will not harass, intimidate, or bully others. Rather, students will show humble consideration for others, loving their neighbors as themselves, and encouraging their peers to do the same. (Matt 22:39; Rom 12:10; Eph 4:1-3, 31-32; Heb 10:24)
3. **LANGUAGE** | Students are responsible for demonstrating respect for others through their use of appropriate language, avoiding profanity, slurs, or degradation of others, and, instead, seeking to use language that will build others up. (Eph 4:29)
4. **ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES** | Students are not permitted to use or be in possession of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other substances illegal for minors. (Eph 5:18)
5. **WEAPONS** | Students are not permitted to be in possession of any weapons (e.g. guns, pocket knives, etc.) during youth gatherings.

6. **TECHNOLOGY** | Students are not permitted to use cell phones at any time, unless for emergency purposes. Digital Bible apps are discouraged, and paper Bibles will be available for use.
7. **PROPERTY** | Students are responsible for respecting MBC property, also being courteous and considerate of other ministries taking place during youth gatherings.
8. **PARTICIPATION** | Students are expected to participate in all scheduled activities during youth gatherings (e.g. games, singing, lesson time, breakout groups). If a student is unable to participate, or must leave early for any reason, they must speak to a leader to let them know.
9. **RELATIONSHIPS/PDA** | Students are expected to refrain from public displays of affections during youth gatherings.
10. **DRESS CODE** | Students are expected to wear modest, appropriate clothing that adheres to the following dress code:
 - No exposed undergarments
 - Girls: No short shorts/mini skirts
 - Girls: No bare midriffs
 - Guys: T-shirts stay on

Student Acknowledgment

I have read and understand MBC's Youth Ministry Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the guidelines above, understanding that I may be removed as a participant if I violate any of these rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Acknowledgment

I have read and understand MBC's Youth Ministry Code of Conduct. I agree to encourage and support the guidelines above, and I understand that I will be contacted in the event that my student violates any of these guidelines and is removed as a participant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. – 1 Tim 4:12