

# Student Covenant

We want **Grounded** to be a fun, safe, uplifting, growth producing environment. It takes cooperation from EVERYONE for **Grounded** or any of our ministries to be this way. Because we care about every individual, we won't allow negative behaviors from a few people to ruin the experience for others. Sadly, many Christian organizations are drifting toward "membership without discipleship." At Christ Church, we believe in raising, not lowering the bar. Exclusive cliques or relationships, negative attitudes, disrespect, inappropriate behavior, and a rebellious spirit destroy community and ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. We aren't expecting perfection, but we do expect each person to give his or her best possible effort. Listed below are the basic expectations for each event. Some events may have additional expectations. If so, they will be clearly articulated during the event.

## **Expectations:**

### **Have a good attitude.**

Positive, willing, open to grow and learn, encouraging rather than cutting people down.

### **Be where you are supposed to be.**

Follow the schedule. Be at the right place at the right time.

### **Respect God, people, and property.**

Have fun, but not at another's expense.

Even if you are not a believer, do not distract others during times of prayer, worship, or focused attention.

Be kind to others and respectful of property.

Be respectful toward leadership.

Choose your words carefully. Avoid gossip, lies, disrespectful comments, or improper language or jokes.

Be careful with food and pop. Ask before bringing it into a room, dispose of properly.

Consider the whole group, not just yourself.

Damage done will be paid for or restored by those responsible.

### **Ask first.**

Before you move or use something that isn't entirely yours, be sure you get the OK from the correct person.

### **Build FRIENDSHIPS within your small group and avoid cliques or a boyfriend/girlfriend focus.**

**We are here to focus on Christ and building relationships. Please leave distractions at home (iPods, etc) and turn off cell phones during events. If you are using your cell phone during group times they will be taken from you and returned at the end of the event/evening.**

### **The following items are not allowed (We have zero tolerance for any of these items):**

Pornography or questionable reading material.

Clothing that is blatantly vulgar, suggestive, or disrespectful.

Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or anything illegal for minors.

Fireworks or weapons (including knives).

*\* If a student brings something you aren't supposed to bring, that item will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or legal guardian. We will not take responsibility if the item is lost, damaged, or stolen before it can be claimed.*

## **Consequences:**

If a student chooses to misbehave, they should expect the following:

**Step 1:** A verbal warning

**Step 2:** A phone call to your parents(s) or guardian(s).

**Step 3:** At least one of your parent(s) or guardian(s) must accompany you during activities until both your attitude and actions indicate you have matured enough to manage your own behavior.

**Step 4:** You will not be invited to return to activities until you demonstrate willingness and ability to abide by our expectations.

*(Christ Church Youth Ministry Leadership Team reserves the right to move directly to step four based on the severity of the offense.)*