

Youth Ministry Leaders Conduct Guidelines & Policies

Valley Evangelical Covenant Church

Because of who we are in Christ, the church we represent, and the impressionable age we work with, each of us must be willing to pay the price of leadership in every area of our lives. The following areas are very important if you are to maintain a good reputation. We need your compliance in each of these areas for you to be a youth leadership team member.

1. You do NOT have a life-style that is contrary to clear Bible principles.
2. Attend church on a regular basis.
3. We must never voice critical opinions about any Christian church, staff, parents, or students in front of students.
4. Do not use illegal drugs.
5. Do not get drunk. Don't drink alcoholic beverages at youth ministry sponsored functions, and be discerning of your use of alcohol in public areas.
6. When driving students you must obey all laws and use safe driving habits.
7. Never drive a student of the opposite sex home alone.
8. Do not initiate touch with the opposite sex (back rubs, hugs, etc.) If a student initiates a hug, don't refuse, just give them the 'ol one-arm-hug.
9. You must carry personal auto insurance in order to provide transportation for youth ministry events.

Counseling Policies

1. Since counseling appointments are confidential, you should not share details with any person other than a pastor / church staff for the purpose of gaining wisdom on how to best handle the situation.
2. While Christ-like support and compassion for students in counseling situations is encouraged, inappropriate displays of affection should be avoided.
3. You must report to your pastor / youth pastor any of the following situations within 24 hours:
 - Physical abuse reported to you.
 - Sexual abuse of any minor reported to you.
 - When a student tells you he/she is suicidal (take them seriously).
 - When a student is in a life threatening situation.
 - When a student confesses pregnancy to you.
 - If you become involved in a runaway situation.
 - When a student confesses a felony to you.
 - When you have reason to believe a student is going to commit a crime.

Accident / Safety Policies

1. When there is a leadership team member or student injured your first priority is for them to receive medical help. Apply immediate first aid and if it is serious call 911 for help or bring the person to the hospital.
2. Let the Youth Pastor know about the accident and explain the details.
3. Immediately call the parent / guardian of the student and let them know about any serious injuries.

I have read the above and accept the youth leaders conduct guidelines and policies.

Prospective Youth Leader Signature _____ Date _____