

Elyria Christian School Student Code of Conduct

Obedience, respect, and responsibility are key virtues that students must develop. Obedience to rules and guidelines is essential to the development of maturity (Luke 2:51; Hebrews 5:8). Respect is necessary for all successful and meaningful relationships (Luke 10:36-37, Romans 12:18), and the building of personal responsibility fosters a sense of achievement.

As we seek to provide a balanced and disciplined learning environment for the students of Elyria Christian School, we realize that human wisdom falls short of God's standards. We do not claim to be perfect in all of our decisions, but we do try to discipline in a way that is biblical and pleasing to God. As partners in the discipline process, it is important that the school and home work cooperatively for the student's good. Since we teach the students to obey and submit to their parents, it is imperative that parents maintain that continuity by upholding and teaching the principles taught at school. We can instill in students proper Christian educational and moral principles only through a program that includes clear disciplinary procedures. As students and parents, your cooperation in that program is crucial. (Please be aware that the administration reserves the right to make discipline decisions on an individual basis.)

Our goal should always be to obey the Scripture that says, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17, NKJV). In the best interest of the entire school community, certain guidelines of conduct must be maintained by all students of Elyria Christian School, both on and off campus, so that we might all live and work happily together. Thus, all school rules apply on all field trips and on all school-sponsored events both on the school campus and away from it.

This Code of Conduct in no way replaces the ECS handbook but is a documentation of your acknowledgement of appropriate student conduct.

The general guidelines for student conduct are listed below:

- 1. Practice Christ-like behavior in your association with teachers, administrator, school employees, fellow students and visitors.
(Ephesians 4:28-32, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)*
 - *Be obedient*
 - *Be respectful*
 - *Be courteous*
 - *Be considerate*

- 2. Abstain from any behavior that hurts the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ constantly remembering that you are a believer at all times both on and off campus (24/7/365). These behaviors include the following:
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:29)*
 - *Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and drugs*
 - *Viewing or possession of pornography or similar materials*

- *Gambling*
 - *Profanity*
 - *Vulgar or abusive speech that is harmful to others*
3. *Conduct yourselves in a Christian manner in your relationships with the opposite sex.*
- *Refrain from a public display of affection on campus.*
 - *While on campus, follow the “hands off” policy.*
 - *Abstain from sexual immorality.*
4. *Use technology in an appropriate manner. With the advance in technology comes a greater need of set standards. The electronic/tech world has offered us some great tools, but we still want to adhere to certain parameters on school property. Those means by which we listen to music are included in this area. To avoid conflict, please adhere to the following guidelines:*
- *Listening to personal music during school hours is not allowed. Using Ipods, MP3’s, cell phones or other techie music devices during sponsored trips, including bus routes, is at the discretion of the coaches, teachers, bus drivers and administrator. No devices capable of playing videos will be allowed.*
 - *Technology that only plays music is not allowed in the classroom.*
 - *Technology that provides the opportunity for note-taking will be under the discretion of the teacher.*
 - *Cell phones are to be placed in the classroom basket before class time begins.*
5. *Practice honesty at all times. We consider cheating a serious offense. During a test, quiz or an exam, adhere to the following:*
- *No talking is allowed.*
 - *Do your own work. (Assistance may be given on HW at the discretion of the teacher.)*
 - *Any form of communication on cell phones is prohibited.*
 - *Avoid plagiarism. The definition of plagiarism is “the use of another writer’s ideas or words without giving the writer credit for them.”*

Please sign the following statement and return it to the school office.

I, _____, agree to uphold and abide by the ECS Student Code of Conduct.

Student Signature _____

We, _____, the parents of _____ agree to uphold and support the ECS Student Code of Conduct.

Parent Signature _____