

## HOPE High School Group Code of Conduct

All participants in any HOPE high school activities must be current members of HOPE. As a participant in the HOPE high school group, I understand and agree to the following:

1. I will respect the rights and property of others. Neither vandalism nor stealing will be tolerated. Financial costs for damage that result from my misbehavior or accidents will be the sole responsibility of myself and my family. **Scripture:** “When a man or woman wrongs another in any way, and so is unfaithful to the Lord, that person is guilty and must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong....” Numbers 5:5-7
2. I will respect adult leaders and other participants. I will obey the instructions of the adult leaders. **Scripture:** “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority....” Hebrews 13:17
3. I will be an encourager to others. I will make an effort to be welcoming, include everyone, and avoid excluding anyone. Teasing, ridiculing, sarcasm, put downs and belittling of others is never allowed. Rude language and profanity will not be tolerated. **Scripture:** “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 / “Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk from your lips.” Proverbs 4:24
4. I will act as a gentleman or lady and refrain from any sexual misconduct. **Scripture:** “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper of God’s holy people.” Ephesians 5:3-4

The following behaviors are appropriate conduct:

- \*One armed side hugs
- \*Handshakes
- \*High fives and hand slapping
- \*verbal praise

The following behaviors are inappropriate conduct. Please note that this list is not exhaustive.

- \*full body hugs
- \*hanging on each other
- \*massages of any kind
- \*kissing
- \*sitting on laps
- \*holding hands
- \*compliments or comments that relate to a youth’s body, or own body
- \*pairing off or dating at high school activities
- \*sexually suggestive comments of **any** kind - this includes comments about who is “hot”, “cute” or “a babe”, or any other comments regarding the opposite sex’s appearance.

5. I will behave in a safe and responsible way. Horseplay, punching, slapping, kicking, punching, shoving and pinching are not ever allowed. I will not possess any drugs, alcohol, matches, fireworks, tobacco, lighters, knives, weapons or anything that can be used as a weapon that could endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property. **Scripture:** “Do not plot harm against your neighbor who lives trustfully near you.” Proverbs 3:29
6. I will dress appropriately. Clothing has to cover undergarments and midriffs. Short shorts, bikinis, speedos, low cut tops, mini skirts, muscle shirts, see through clothing, and sagging pants are not appropriate and will not be allowed. Clothing that is sexually suggestive or spiritually degrading, evil, vulgar or makes references to drugs or alcohol will not be permitted. **Scripture:** “I also want women to dress modestly, with decency....” 1 Timothy 2:9
7. I will report to the adult leader at the activity right away any problems or disagreements that cannot be solved immediately and peaceably by me or others involved. **Scripture:** “Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.” Proverbs 13:10
8. I will not leave an activity without permission from the adult leader or from my parent/guardian in person. **Scripture:** “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority....” Hebrews 13:17

I understand that if I do not abide by these rules, my parents/guardians and I will be told right away. If my behavior does not change I will be asked to leave the event or activity. I understand that a second incident will result in not being allowed to attend any more high school activities for this school year.

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Youth Signature

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Date

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Printed Youth Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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