



FOR YOUR RECORDS AND REFERENCE 2022-2023

# CODE OF CONDUCT for Osky Student Ministries

- Parents must be involved in enrollment and orientation of their children for Sunday School, Wednesday Night Live and Osky AG Youth.
- Due to content of personal / private information all Registration and Medical forms will be given to the church office.
- Once on the church grounds, attendance is required of classes / assemblies.
- No student is allowed to leave the grounds without a written note from parent/guardian. Parents will be notified if their student(s) leave the grounds and a strike letter will be sent.
- The possession or use of tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, any type of weapon or fireworks on the church grounds is sufficient reason for immediate dismissal.
- The church is NOT responsible for any personal items that are lost, damaged or stolen.
- Profanity, vulgarity or obscene language and or gestures are sufficient reason for immediate dismissal for a two week period.
- We expect students to come in with modest clothing. Shirts or other apparel that advertise alcohol, tobacco, drug use, bars or taverns are not allowed. As the fashion world changes constantly we have some basic guidelines for what is acceptable at church. If you have any questions as to modesty or acceptability, please contact the church office.
- Physical or verbal harassment of a person is not acceptable and will be sufficient reason for immediate dismissal for a two week period.
- If your child has had an elevated fever, suspicious rash, diarrhea, complaints of sore throat, stomach ache, infectious disease (chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, etc., including head lice), we ask that they not come to expose others to such.
- Teachers are in complete charge of their classroom setting and have the right to enforce rules that will aid in better learning and spiritual development.

We pursue the teaching of God's Word to be the most important aspect of ALL our children / youth activities. Our goal is to provide a safe place for students to draw closer to God and closer to each other. Attending services and activities is a privilege, and as such, comes with expectations of behavior.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers who have any questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Children's Ministry Directors or Youth Pastor of First Assembly of God.

## BEHAVIOR CONDUCT FOR Kids Ministries

## Purpose of Behavior Policy

- To have a safe and enjoyable environment for all students.
- To provide clear and explicit expectations for social behavior in all student settings.
- Provide leaders, students, and staff with appropriate actions that address student behavior.

We have implemented and found that the following three-strike program on Wednesday evenings works and have found that these guidelines are of great benefit to maintain order, time and energies for the kids.

- STRIKE ONE If after a student has been warned about his disruptive behavior, (on transportation, classroom, gym or premises) he/she continues to resist the teacher's authority, he/she will be sent to the office for the rest of the class period. A letter will be sent to the parent stating such action/behavior.
- STRIKE TWO If in the following weeks the student continues to be disruptive, he/she will be immediately taken to the parent or if necessary to their home and will not be allowed to attend Wednesday Night Live / Action Student Ministries for the next two weeks or participate in any other church affiliated activities.
- STRIKE THREE If a child's disruptive behavior persists, even after the two-week suspension, he/she will not be allowed to return unless the parent requests a meeting with the Youth Pastor / Pastor.

Our purpose, for all our children's and youth activities, is to help you as a parent instill in your child (ren) a love for God and His Word. Godly character, obedience and respect are just a few of the many lessons our leaders are teaching.

Thank you for your cooperation and example.

It is so important that you know where and what your children are doing.

### BEHAVIOR CONDUCT FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES

The consequences for misbehavior, outlined below, aim to exemplify grace and forgiveness. Students will be held accountable for their behavior, but not condemned. The goal of correction is to bring about repentance and reconciliation.

Typical sequence of correction, based on the severity of the student's behavior

The student is given a verbal warning.

The student is pulled aside by a leader to discuss the offense.

The student will be taken home and indefinitely suspended from youth group.

If a student is suspended from Osky AG Youth, but the student wants to return to youth activities, a meeting should be set up with the Youth Pastor, lead pastor, parents or guardian of the student and suspended student to discuss what took place and to make a plan for their return.

Youth group leaders reserve the right to determine the severity of misbehavior and may choose to skip or modify any of the above stated consequences.

Scripture references regarding discipline:

Proverbs 13:24 Proverbs 22:6 Proverbs 22:15

Proverbs 23:13-14 Proverbs 29:15 Hebrews 12:5-11 Revelation 3:19

## OSKY KIDS MINISTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE - 7 – 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE - CHILDREN - PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH

**7:00 p.m.** Large Group Connection in the gymnasium, open with announcements, prayer and memory verse, video and worship

**7:15 p.m.** Small Group Connection in classrooms (snack will be provided)

7:55 p.m. Return to gymnasium to wrap up evening activities for prayer and dismissal

**8:00 p.m.** Your child (ren) is your responsibility and we ask that you assume that responsibility. For liability purposes, children under the fifth grade will not be allowed outside until parents arrive to take the child (ren) home.

# OSKY AG YOUTH MINISTRIES WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 7–8 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH - GRADES 6-7-8-- SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - GRADES 9-10-11-12

#### Be Responsible

Clean up after yourself before going home.

Everyone present at youth group is expected to participate in planned activities.

#### Be Respectful

Respect youth leaders and listen to the instructions they give.

Always treat fellow youth members, visitors, leaders, and any guest speakers and musicians with dignity and respect.

Student-to-student harassment is prohibited at youth group. Verbal and physical harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. This may take many forms and can be physical, verbal or written. Sexual harassment is also not acceptable. Examples of sexually harassing behavior include stalking, dating abuse, making obscene gestures, making sexual comments, remarks or insults, pressure for sexual activity, spreading rumors of a sexual nature.

Raise your hand to speak. Do not interrupt others.

All perspectives are to be listened to carefully and responded to in a courteous fashion. At no time should derogatory comments be made about anyone or her/his opinions.

Do not physically or verbally abuse others. This means that under no circumstances should you bully, hit, gossip about, throw something at, or make fun of another person.

Words matter; follow the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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Taking another youth or leader's property is unacceptable unless express permission has been given to you by the owner of the object (i.e. cell phones, etc.).

All cell phones should be put away during all services unless otherwise stated.

If phones are seen being used during service times, they will be taken by a youth leader and given back at the end of the service.

<u>NO students before 6:45 p.m. on the premises unless they are with parents or assigned adults.</u> During the winter months, cancellation of services for weather conditions will be given on KBOE at 104.9 FM or 740 AM or KCWN at 99.9 FM radio stations and on our Facebook.

We invite you to visit the church website at <a href="www.OskyAG.com">www.OskyAG.com</a>, Facebook groups: First Assembly of God Oskaloosa, Oskykids and Osky AG Youth Email address: <a href="mailto:Admin@OskyAG.com">Admin@OskyAG.com</a> or <a href="mailto:PastorTJ@OskyAG.com">PastorTJ@OskyAG.com</a>

## DRESS CODE for All Students

As the fashion world changes constantly, we have some basic guidelines for what is acceptable at Church.

- Shorts may be worn any time during the Wednesday night clubs. All shorts must be modest. Absolutely NO bicycle shorts, boxer shorts or any shorts shorter than the extended arm at the fingertips or 4 inches from knee.
- Shorts or jeans need to be high enough at the waist so that undergarments do not protrude above the belt line. Your shirt and jeans/shorts also need to touch top to bottom at the middle.
- Abbreviated attire such as belly shirts and tube tops will not be allowed. Close-fitting and revealing skirts / shirts or pants are not allowed. Skirts also must meet the extended arm finger-tip length or 4 inches above knee.
- No clothing with inappropriate slogans or advertisements, such as secular music groups, cigarette, tobacco, beer companies will be permitted.
- If a student's dress becomes a problem, the students will be taken home.

### TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES for ALL BUS AND VAN RIDERS

- Riding a Church vehicle is a privilege and riders should treat it as such.
- In attempt to save on travel time, please call the Church office by 12:00 noon each Wednesday <u>if</u> your child is not riding.
- All riders must be sitting in their seats when the bus/van is moving. All van riders/drivers must have seat belts on and fastened- that is the law. Riders are not to extend arms or hands out of the vehicle windows or throw any objects out of the windows.
- ₹ Talk quietly NO vulgar, obscene language or swearing will be allowed to do so, will expedite a two-week suspension.
- You must always respect and obey your driver and assigned riders.
- You must show courtesy and respect for your fellow riders. In other words, there will be no bullying, hitting, name calling, or making fun of other riders. Again to do so will expedite an immediate two-week suspension.
- No child under the age of 5 years will be allowed to ride in our vehicles.
- If any damage to a bus/van is done, the rider and parents must be responsible to pay for the repair work before the child will be allowed back on transportation.
- New riders/visitors (not registered) will be given a Guest Pass to be used for one visit. A Registration Packet can be taken by the rider to the home and <u>must be</u> completed and returned to the Church office <u>prior</u> to the next week or riding the second time. Due to the content of personal/private information, all forms will be given to the Church office.
- If a child is to be dropped off at a place different from where he/she is picked up, the Church office MUST BE notified in advance by NOON on Wednesdays with a note signed by the parent presented in the Church office stating parent's request. If a parent comes to pick up the child, the parent must first check in at the Church office.
- Riders are not allowed to bring food, drink or gum on the vehicles. Enforcement of rules – again, your riding on the Church bus/van is a privilege and will be suspended for breaking the rules listed above or for any behavior that disrupts the safe operation of the bus/van.