

## APPENDIX C:

# Vernon Christian School

## Standards of Conduct

At Vernon Christian School we are committed to walk faithfully with our God and to work together as a community to reflect His light in the world. It is therefore an essential part of the education at V.C.S. to teach our students to live a life honoring to God by exercising good manners and correcting undesirable behavior.

1. ***Students are expected to show reverence for God*** by:
  - respecting times of Bible readings, singing of spiritual songs and prayer;
  - not using God's name in vain.
  
2. ***Students must honor those God has placed in authority over them*** by:
  - responding quickly and courteously to a teacher's instructions;
  - addressing teachers and other staff by their proper title (Mr., Mrs., Miss plus last name);
  - treating teacher's desk and property as 'off limits';
  - respecting non-student areas such as office, staffroom and supply rooms;
  - being in class and ready for instruction by the designated start times at the beginning of the day and after recesses;
  - responding respectfully to parents and other adults of the school community.
  
3. ***Students must treat each other the way they wish to be treated*** by:
  - addressing each other respectfully, and not by demeaning 'nicknames';
  - being courteous to each other and using phrases such as 'excuse me' and 'thank you';
  - apologizing for a wrong doing;
  - looking behind them and holding the door if someone is following;
  - not running or bumping into anyone in the hallway;
  - talking about others in the same manner they wish to be talked about, i.e.: making only complimentary remarks about other's appearance, no gossip;
  - not making someone else's life miserable by teasing and 'bugging'.
  
4. ***Students must respect each other's property and school property*** by:
  - asking for permission before using another student's property;
  - keeping classrooms, desks, lockers and counters tidy;
  - using garbage pails for litter;
  - wearing clean indoor shoes inside the building;
  - not writing on the buildings, furniture, books or any other school resources.
  
5. ***Students are expected to exercise self-discipline*** by:

- paying attention to their language and avoiding rude expressions;
- raising their hands when wanting to talk, and not interrupting their teacher or other students;
- completing assignments to the best of their ability and by the date due;
- taking pride in their appearance by being tidy and well groomed at all times;
- dressing modestly and appropriately for the school day.

These standards must be adhered to by the students, and will be actively promoted by the staff of Vernon Christian School. Parents are expected to support the staff by talking to their children about these guidelines and encouraging adherence to them.

If a student does not respond to correction from a teacher, the parents will be informed and must take responsibility for their child's misconduct. Should inappropriate behavior continue, the principal has the authority to suspend a student; the school board has the authority to expel a student.

The following violations will lead to a suspension or expulsion upon the first offense:

- bringing tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs to school or school functions for the purpose of using and / or selling them.
- stealing from the school, school personnel, or a student.
- falsely accusing another student of a wrongdoing.
- threatening bodily harm using a weapon or something that could be used as a weapon.
- causing bodily harm, for example, in a fight.
- bringing pornographic material to school for the purpose of showing, displaying or selling.
- explicit sexually inappropriate behavior.

Before a student is expelled, the parent will receive the opportunity for an interview with the principal and member(s) of the school board. It is the school's desire to lead the student to honest repentance, followed by a process of reconciliation.

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