

**Taber Evangelical Mennonite Church Youth Group**  
**Code of Conduct and Policies**

**Purpose:**

To communicate and regulate the actions, requirements and standards of behavior at church, or at church sponsored events. Students are expected to comply with all instruction given by leaders.

1. Unacceptable behaviors for church sanctioned activities
  - a. At Church
    - i. Unacceptable Behaviors:
      1. Interruptions
      2. Throwing objects/food
      3. Hitting/pushing/fighting
      4. Distracting behavior
      5. Inappropriate language
        - a. Disrespectfulness towards adults
        - b. Lord's name in vain
        - c. Degrading or mean-spirited comments
      6. Laying down in class or during events
      7. Inappropriate contact or public displays of affection
      8. Stealing
      9. Leaving Trash behind
      10. Misusing or damaging church facilities or property  
(Damage caused by students will be their responsibility to repair or replace.)
    - ii. At Events
      1. Same as above with the addition of...
      2. Not participating in the event or leaving youth events without notifying leaders.
      3. Wandering off alone, or with some of the opposite sex
      4. Not leaving youth events early without talking to a leader first
      5. Buying inappropriate materials/objects
      6. Possessing items that are inappropriate as deemed by youth leadership
      7. Use of cell phones for personal entertainment.
        - a. Cell phones are allowed, and are to be used for emergencies only
        - b. Cell phones will be handed in to leaders at large events. Access will be given at any time when not in sessions or during any free time

- iii. Road Trips (on the bus or in vehicles):
  - 1. Same as above with the addition of.....
  - 2. No student shall be permitted to drive to far away events (YC, Abundant Springs, Etc.) on their own. Students may drive for local events. (Lethbridge, Drumheller, Etc.)
  - 3. Student drivers are to obey all traffic laws when travelling for youth events (Speed, Seatbelt, Etc.)
  - 4. Students will stay and help clean up upon arriving home from events before claiming luggage
  - 5. Playing inappropriate music/video games
    - a. Students are to make proper judgement of what music is church and event appropriate
    - b. Video games need to be checked by the youth leaders prior to leaving the church
  - 6. Wrestling/horseplay
- iv. Fundraisers
  - 1. Same as above with the addition of.....
  - 2. All students who are registered with the Taber EMC Youth Group are expected to attend all fundraisers
  - 3. All students will help with preparation, serving, and cleaning up post event
  - 4. Only those students who participate in raising funds will receive the benefits of them

## 2. Dress Code:

- a. The following applies to all students
    - i. No showing of undergarments, cleavage, or bellies
    - ii. Swimsuits need to be modest
    - iii. No shirts that endorse inappropriate themes
      - 1. i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, sex, etc...
- \* - We encourage all students to dress modestly, if they are found to be wearing a shirt that is unacceptable, the leaders will talk to the student.

## 3. Discipline

- a.
  - i. Minor offenses –
    - 1. first addressed with warning
    - 2. If bad behavior persists, then student will be escorted outside of class for a talk
    - 3. If bad behavior continues, the student will be escorted to parent or guardian

- ii. Major offense –
      - 1. Immediate escorting of student to parents
      - 2. If away at event, parents will be called to pick student up immediately
    - iii. Expulsion...
      - 1. To be discussed with student, parents, leaders and Senior Pastor for further action if warranted
- 4. Student Leadership
  - a. Student Leadership will run from September until June every year
    - i. Students will be allowed to nominate themselves if they so choose or be nominated by their peers
    - ii. Voting will take place one week after nomination
    - iii. Students will begin their role immediately
  - b. Expectations and Responsibilities
    - i. Be a part of the event planning process by attending monthly meetings, regular Friday events, and Sunday School
    - ii. Attend a Student Leader Training and Orientation evening
    - iii. Assist leadership in overseeing events and by leading in prayer and devotions
    - iv. Make new and regular students feel welcome at youth by building friendships
    - v. Be committed to living a lifestyle made of choices that honor God
    - vi. Be committed to their role in Student Leadership and be consistent in it
    - vii. To have fun and learn from our mistakes
  - c. Student Leadership Commitment
    - i. Faith in Jesus
    - ii. Connected to other believers in regular church attendance
    - iii. Committed to growing to be more like Jesus
    - iv. Ready to discover their ministry potential
    - v. Willing to get uncomfortable and to reach out
    - vi. Live lives that honor God

**Lastly, let's remember Colossians 3:17, "...whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to Him to God the Father."**

**If you cannot do it in the name of Jesus, you don't need to do it at all.**