

## Code of Conduct

In order to help students develop the necessary qualities of obedience, respect, and responsibility believing that our goal should always be to live so that, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” Colossians 3:17, ESV). We believe that certain guidelines of conduct must be maintained by all students of Ankeny Christian Academy, both on and off campus throughout the entire calendar year, so that we might all grow in obedience, respect, and responsibility and live and work happily together. These general guidelines for student conduct are listed below:

- 1) Practice courtesy and consideration in your association with teachers, school employees, fellow students, and visitors. Respect their person and property (Ephesians 4:28-32).
- 2) Respect the authority of teachers, administrators, and staff members, and treat them courteously, respectfully, and obediently as unto the Lord (Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- 3) Abstain both on and off campus and at all times from the use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, and pornography as well as from gambling and other undesirable practices that are generally recognized to be harmful to health and Christian character (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- 4) Abstain from profanity and vulgar or abusive speech, writing, and actions. Such speaking and acting is harmful to others and is certainly not appropriate or conducive to your moral and spiritual development (Ephesians 4:29).
- 5) Refrain from public display of affection. As students, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a discreet and Christian manner.
- 6) Leave all dangerous or presumed dangerous items such as knives, water pistols, toy guns, guns, lighters, bombs, and matches at home.
- 7) Do your own work. Do not give or receive help on quizzes or tests unless the teacher has granted permission on a particular project. Your record should reflect your individual effort. Honesty is a Christian virtue that should be displayed by all students, therefore cheating is considered a serious offense. Any appearance of cheating may be reason to receive the student work as unacceptable and the student to receive a possible consequence.
- 8) Do not plagiarize; this is a serious offense. The definition of plagiarism is the “use of another writer’s ideas or words without giving the writer credit for them.”
- 9) Use of personal electronic communication devices (including but not limited to CD/MP3 players, Ipods, and handheld games) and laser pointers are not allowed during school hours. At the discretion of official school personnel further restrictions may be added for school events.
- 10) Pagers and cell phones are to be turned off and kept in the student’s vehicles or lockers. Students are not allowed to use cell phones during class time or chapel. Cell phone use off campus for school events will only be allowed at the discretion of official school personnel and restrictions may be added. Teachers may request that students bring cell phones to class for academic activities.
- 11) No personal computers are allowed to be used at school; exceptions may be approved for educational accommodations by the administrator. Students need to be aware that bringing personal computers to school is their responsibility and ACA is not responsible for damage or theft.
- 12) Students’ various electronic communications (i.e. text messages, instant messaging, personal blogs, websites, tweets, vines, or other communication methods) will have an appropriate Christian testimony through their conveyed words, photos, videos, and other items contained within these communications.
- 13) The Code of Conduct for students applies on all field trips and on all school-sponsored events both on the school campus and away from it.
- 14) Students will dress in accordance with their biological gender in keeping with our statement of faith.
- 15) Students will use the restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities that conform with their biological gender in keeping with our statement of faith.
- 16) Students will abstain from all intimate physical conduct in keeping with our statement of faith.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Student Signature (5th-12th grade)

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Date

We will need a signed Code of Conduct for each student in 5th - 12th grade.