



WEST SHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Statement of Upper School Student Responsibilities For Community Life at West Shore Christian Community

One of the goals of West Shore Christian Academy is to be a Christian educational community within which students accept certain privileges and responsibilities. By virtue of their enrollment at WSCA, all students agree to follow the standards for community life which are outlined and explained in this document.

Understanding the Purposes

The purpose of these standards is to cultivate a healthy campus atmosphere free of distractions which impede students from living a healthy Christian life; as a result, moral and spiritual growth can thrive as student lifestyles find a point of integration with Christian principles and devotion to Christ. These standards are based on conscious choices rather than mere acceptance of prevailing practices in society at large.

Godliness does not come from following a list of "do's and don'ts," but only as one accepts Christ as Savior and allows the Holy Spirit to control every aspect of life. Hence, the school is sensitive to the issue of perceived legalism whenever such a list of expectations is developed. However, as a person follows the Holy Spirit's direction, he/she will desire to model a Christian lifestyle which honors God in his/her school and community.

The WSCA community is not made up of perfect Christians, but forgiven sinners. Therefore, the purpose of this statement is not to impose an impossible standard of perfection on our community, but to outline the biblical ideal, keeping in mind that faculty, parents, and students will fall short of the ideal. Our desire is to encourage one another to strive toward maintaining high standards and to hold one another accountable for our responsibilities, all while modeling the love and forgiveness of God when we fail.

Standards for Community Life

- A. In keeping with the lifestyle principles found in the Scriptures and WSCA's institutional convictions, West Shore Christian Academy desires that each student strive to:
1. **Think about things that are true, noble, right, and pure (Phil. 4:8).** I will seek to avoid influences that distract my mind, recognizing that what occupies my mind will sooner or later determine my speech and actions.
 2. **Choose friends and associations carefully (Psalm 1:1, I Cor. 15:33).** I will seek to spend time with friends who will encourage me toward godly pursuits.
 3. **Encourage one another and build each other up (1 Thess. 5:11).** I will seek to avoid destructive and unkind words or deeds, taking care that my attitude and actions influence others positively and do not become a stumbling block (Romans 14:13).
 4. **Communicate directly with one another in the spirit of love (Matthew 18:15-17).** I will seek to avoid gossip, talking behind another person's back, and holding any bitterness.

B. WSCA expects each student to strive to:

1. **Respect authority (1 Peter 2:17).** I agree to obey and respect the laws of our country, the standards of my parents, and the expectations of my school and church.
2. **Be honest and above reproach (Proverbs 8:7).** I agree to speak the truth and avoid even the appearance of evil.
3. **Demonstrate self-control (James 1:19).** I agree to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, seeking forgiveness and making amends when I sin against others.
4. **Be in fellowship with other believers (Hebrews 10:25).** I agree to be regularly involved in a Bible-believing local church in order to receive biblical instruction, to experience Christian fellowship, and to worship God.

C. WSCA expects each student to:

1. **Care for his/her body as a "temple of God" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).** I agree to refrain from the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and illegal drugs; to avoid the abuse of any medications; and to stay away from any other harmful substance or activity.
2. **Maintain biblical standards of morality (1 Cor. 6:18).** I agree to save sex for God's express purposes, which are found only within the sanctity of marriage.
3. To read, support and stand for the policies on Bullying, Sexual Harassment and Multicultural.
4. Live out a lifestyle of service to others (i.e. Christian service requirements, class service projects).

Violations of the above expectations are considered "more serious offenses" in our handbook. Therefore, if you choose to participate in these activities, discipline will be enforced accordingly.

Student Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that my parent(s) have reviewed with me the "Statement of High School Responsibilities for Community Life at WSCA" and I understand that these standards apply both on and off campus.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Affirmation

I (we) hereby affirm that I (we) have read the "Statement of Upper School Student Responsibilities for Community Life at WSCA" and have reviewed WSCA's policies. I (we) will endeavor to nurture and hold my (our) student accountable to these school, biblical, and community expectations. My signature indicates that I have discussed these standards with my son/daughter in preparation for the new school year.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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