

The Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." – John 14:6

CODE OF CONDUCT

Sign in / sign out. Sign in each time you arrive at The Way. Sign out when you leave.

Respect yourself and others. Do not disrupt or talk out of turn, especially during devotions and prayer time. Always respect yourself and others.

Respect property. Respect the property of others and The Way. If property of The Way is damaged, it must be paid for by the responsible party. Never act in a way that could result in personal injury or destruction of property.

Encourage. Don't ridicule, make fun of, or criticize others.

Behave peacefully. Don't become angry, disagreeable, or contribute to such situations.

Be positive. Participate positively in activities. Obey instructions of The Way personnel.

Use appropriate language. Do not curse, swear, or use foul or crude language.

Keep hands to self. No tickling, wrestling, piggy-backing or inappropriate touching. Do not touch anyone where a bathing suit should cover.

Refrain from physical affection. No kissing, full-body hugs, sitting on laps, lying or sleeping next to each other. No getting into an isolated area to be alone.

Wear appropriate clothing. Shirt, shoes and pants are required. No swimsuits with or without cover-ups. No clothing that is sexually suggestive, spiritually degrading, vulgar, illegal, or display inappropriate advertisements. Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh while standing. No midriffs showing, low-cut tops, spaghetti straps or see-through clothing. No sagging pants, boxers, thongs or Speedos. No underwear showing. Any youth violating any of these will be sent home to get more acceptable clothing. If available, clothing will be provided at the facility.

Protect personal belongings. Keep them with you at all times. The Way is not responsible for any personal item lost or stolen while on the premises.

Be visible to an adult at all times. Stay only in areas that are supervised, including outside the building. If there is no outdoor supervision, you must stay inside.

Skateboard responsibly. Never skateboard indoors. When skateboarding, never jump over any objects. It is prohibited by liability and insurance regulations.

Stay within the premises. The outside boundaries of The Way are marked with white stripes in the parking lot. While signed in at The Way, do not cross these boundaries. Do not go behind the building or down the side of the building where the farmers market is held. Do not go to the church playground.

Don't linger after signing out. Once you sign out, don't hang around. Leave the property. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, once you leave, you can't return later that day *unless there are extenuating circumstances suitable to the board member on duty*. On Fridays, you can return once, but you must sign in again. A parent can check you out at any time on any day.

Don't break the law. Guns, knives and other weapons are not permitted on the grounds and in the building. Youth are not to be under the influence of, in possession of, or attempting to distribute tobacco, illegal or prescription drugs. If a youth must take medicine at the facility, he or she should give that medicine to a staff person upon entering The Way. We work closely with local law enforcement.

CONSEQUENCES FOR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

When a situation cannot be resolved solely by the volunteer staff, follow these steps:

First offense

Youth will contact the parent/guardian, in the presence of a volunteer, to explain the problem. The volunteer will then speak to the parent/guardian to ensure that the adult understands the situation. If contact cannot be immediately made, the volunteer staff member will contact the parent/guardian on the next business day of the facility. Multiple efforts will be made to contact the parent.

Second offense

Youth will be asked to leave the premises until a face-to-face or telephone meeting can be held between the parent/guardian and the volunteer staff member. The issue must be resolved to the satisfaction of The Way staff and the parent/guardian.

Third offense

Youth will be required to leave the premises and will be suspended from returning until such time that The Way board of directors can consult to determine length of suspension and/or other corrective measures.

Any one or combination of certain offenses may constitute immediate expulsion, parental/guardian contact, and/or police contact.

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