

The Faith Academy Mindanao Code of Conduct

As a multicultural school located in the Philippines, we recognize that there are many areas of social conduct, which are viewed differently because of our diverse backgrounds. Therefore as a school, we have chosen to take a stand that respects the views of the local Christian community as well as the greater percentage of the mission community represented at the school. As stated by our school mission statement, our desire is to equip our students to be Christ-like, as they live in community with others. The following Code of Conduct reflects this sensitivity to others, as we all are part of the larger Faith Academy community living as guests in the Philippines.

My Covenant with Faith Academy Concerning My Behavior

Realizing that I live my life before God, I will strive to honor Him throughout the school year by:

1. *having a right attitude toward and respect for those in authority.* I will obey school rules. I will abide by the school dress code while at school and school-sponsored activities.
2. *respecting others' theological beliefs.* I will respect the differences of doctrine and practice within the Faith Academy community.
3. *working to maintain good relationships with others.* I will choose to speak to encourage instead of gossiping or telling half-truths about others. I will work at being positive instead of criticizing or complaining. When a disagreement happens, I will try to resolve the difficulty peacefully. When there are differences of opinions, I will try to listen and hear what the other person is saying.
4. *using wholesome speech and language.* I will treat staff members, employees, and other students fairly and with respect, free from harassment and intimidation. I will not swear or tell suggestive jokes.
5. *respecting the opposite sex.* I will live by the Biblical guidelines for moral purity and will honor members of the opposite sex in all my interactions.
6. *looking after my health.* I will not use alcoholic drinks, tobacco, drugs, or other illegal substances, for this could cause harm to myself and others. Drugs prescribed by a physician would be an exception.
7. *looking after my mind.* I will choose entertainment that is wholesome. I will stay away from unwholesome and potentially harmful use of the Internet, movies and television, music, computerized games and reading materials.
8. *looking after my behavior.* I will not steal property belonging to others. I will not cheat in my schoolwork or plagiarize materials written by others. I will not participate in dancing that is sexually suggestive in movement or attire. I will not go to nightclubs, bars or other similar places. I will not practice occult activity.

Students and parents ~~

Please sign on the **SIGNATURE PAGE** that you have read and understand these rules and agree to abide by them.