

PATH CODE OF CONDUCT

The Bible will serve as the final authority for all matters of conduct.
Proverbs 6:16-19; Exodus 20:1-17

All students are required to read and completely support the PATH Handbook and the PATH rules and guidelines found in the Code of Conduct. These rules outline the behavior and attitudes expected of students while attending PATH classes or sponsored activities. If any student chooses to disregard these guidelines, the PATH Board may decide, at its sole discretion, to revoke the membership of the student.

PATH Denominational Statement

Our doctrinal statement of faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere. The following areas are left primarily to the teaching of the home and church:

1. Church government, authority and discipline
2. Time and mode of baptism
3. Security of the believer
4. Timing of future events.
5. Second work of grace or baptism of the Holy Spirit.
6. Sinless perfection.
7. Gift of the Spirit, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, miracle working and discerning of spirits.

There will be no attempt made by parents or students to promote these denominational positions. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding dissension, which may be caused by denominational differences.

PATH Marriage, Sexuality, Gender and Sanctity of Life Statement

PATH upholds the biblical definition of marriage as the union between one man and one woman (Gen. 2: 18-25) and that sexual intimacy is to occur between a man and a woman bound in marriage (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-6; Heb. 13:4).

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

PATH upholds the biblical definition of gender as a person's biological sex at birth; created either male or female in the image of God (Gen. 1: 26-27).

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of PATH as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to PATH members and the community, it is imperative that all members of PATH in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Sexuality, Gender and Sanctity of Life (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

General Behavior

PATH students should “read and heed” this entire document of rules and guidelines. In order to maximize the benefit of classes for all students, we ask all students to follow appropriate behavior when on PATH property or at PATH sponsored events.

- Students are expected to act in a positive Christ-like manner that is respectful, mannerly and polite to everyone at PATH, including adults and students.
- No public displays of affection on PATH property under any circumstance.
- No gum at PATH.
- Do not talk when anyone else is talking, especially the teacher.
- Students need to be in their assigned classes at all times, arriving in a timely manner. Repeated tardies can result in a student being dismissed from a class.
- No outside food or drink is allowed in any classroom unless brought by the teacher of that class or with teacher’s permission.
- Student cell phones, earbuds, or any other electronic devices are allowed on PATH property but are not to be used during class. If a student violates this standard then the device will be confiscated and held by the director. It will be returned to the parent.
- Adhere to the PATH Dress Code (see policy below)
- No proselytizing between denominations and political positions
- Any nicotine products or controlled-substances found on PATH premises will be confiscated and, if illegal, turned over to the Plano Police with appropriate names and information regarding the confiscation.
- Bullying behavior, whether physically, emotionally or verbally, will not be tolerated. This can include social media or texting/email.

Lunch and Bathroom Expectations

1. Eat in designated rooms ONLY.
2. Each parent is responsible for their children during lunch.
3. Students may not be in the hallways during lunch without a parent.
4. All trash should be thrown away.
5. Use the brooms that are provided if you have crumbs or debris from lunch.
6. A parent MUST be with their student if they are outside.
7. A warning bell will ring at 12:25 p.m. to signal time to wrap up lunch and clean up.
8. You may leave campus during lunch but must return by 12:25 p.m. to be in class on time.
9. Hall passes are required during class time to access the bathrooms.
10. Do NOT use your foot to flush the toilets.
11. Wipe up excess water from the bathroom counters.

Dress Code

This applies to all PATH events - Everyone must dress modestly, choose attire and grooming that coincides with their biological gender and not appear as a distraction from PATH's educational goals.

Girls

1. The length of shorts must end at the fingertip length when arms are fully extended at sides of the leg and dresses or skirts should be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
2. Shirts and blouses must have sleeves and a modest neckline.
3. Revealing clothing is prohibited including but not limited to: midriff tops, see-through clothing or skin tight tops.
4. Clothing may not exhibit inappropriate pictures or slogans nor be excessively ripped or excessively oversized.
5. If leggings are worn, a shirt must cover most of the backside appropriately.
6. Undergarments may not show.
7. No pajamas except on pre-approved days
8. Shoes must be worn at all times.
9. Hoods should be removed before entering the building.
10. No sunglasses should be worn during class time.
11. Non-distracting hats with no offensive verbiage or logos may be worn, but are always at teacher and Board discretion.
12. No costumes.
13. No "Heelys" or wheeled shoes permitted.
14. Students with unsuitable clothing will be asked to change.

Boys

1. The length of shorts must end at the fingertip length when arms are fully extended at sides of the leg and NO dresses or skirts should be worn.
2. Shirts must have sleeves and a modest neckline.
3. Revealing clothing is prohibited including but not limited to: midriff tops, see-through clothing or skin tight tops.
4. Clothing may not exhibit inappropriate pictures or slogans nor be excessively ripped or excessively oversized.
5. No make-up or nail polish is permitted.
6. Undergarments may not show.
7. No pajamas except on pre-approved days
8. Shoes must be worn at all times.
9. Hoods should be removed before entering the building.
10. No sunglasses should be worn during class time.
11. Non-distracting hats with no offensive verbiage or logos may be worn, but are always at teacher and Board discretion.
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The Board reserves the right to make ongoing decisions concerning dress, grooming issues or ignored compliance requests which could result in being asked to return home and change.

Homework Policy

PATH's expectation is that late work is not accepted. If a student believes there is an extenuating circumstance, the student should contact the teacher, and the teacher may grant an extension of up to one week at the teacher's discretion. Homework is expected to be turned in according to the teacher's specifications, whether that be online, at the Board Desk, or in person at the beginning of class. If a student is absent, the student is expected to submit any homework through Google Classroom or by email by the due date and no later than the class start time. If a student does not turn in homework on the due date at the start of class, and he/she has not made a request for the teacher to consider an extension due to an extenuating circumstance, a zero will be entered into the gradebook for the assignment.

Auditing Policy

PATH does not allow students to audit a class. The expectation is that if a student is enrolled in a class, the student will come prepared to engage in class discussions and activities, and the student is expected to complete and turn in homework assignments on time.

Auditing a class is defined by:

- 1) persistent and blatant lack of participation in class
- 2) at least 5 zeros within a 7-week period

If a teacher feels that a student is auditing the class, the teacher will reach out to the parent to discuss it. The teacher will also notify the academic grade level coordinator.

If the issue is not resolved, the Board will be notified by the academic GLC, and the student will be unenrolled from the class. The teacher fee and class fee will not be refunded.

Cheating and Plagiarism Policy

Academic cheating is the act of using unapproved resources to unfairly gain an advantage on an assignment, quiz or test.

Plagiarism is presenting another person's ideas or words as if they are your own. You are not giving the person or author credit for their work.

As stated in the PATH Handbook, cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students who cheat or plagiarize will receive the following consequences:

- The student will receive an incident report and a zero on the homework for the first offense.
- The second offense will result in dismissal from the class.

Note: With the advent of the internet and ChatGPT, cheating and plagiarism is easier than ever but also just as easy to check for. Be warned that the PATH teachers will check on your work.

Discipline Policy

To prevent potential problems, our three-step procedure for handling discipline problems among our 6-12th Grade Upper Level are as follows:

First step: Verbal warning during class time or outside of class time.

If more than one verbal warning is needed on one day or multiple days, then the teachers are encouraged to inform the parent either 1) verbally in person during classes that day, 2) via email or 3) by telephone during the week after the verbal warning was given. A written PATH Incident Report can also count as a verbal warning.

Second step: The student may be suspended from class activities for a day or week depending on conduct, without a refund of tuition, receiving a zero on missed assignments or tests. Suspension is optional, but not being enforced does not infer that the second step has not been completed.

Third step: Upon returning to class after a suspension, any discipline notice will result in the student being expelled from PATH with the board reserving the option of expelling the entire family.

GROUNDINGS FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION:

- Any purposeful acts of vandalism
- Any controlled substances or any tobacco usage (e-cigarette or other forms)
- Any bullying behavior—whether physical, emotional or verbal, even using something as simple as a text, social media or email during or after PATH hours.

We do not anticipate having any problems, but in fairness to all, we will adhere to this policy and suspend students without a refund of tuition.

Incident Report Protocol

PATH is committed to a safe, fair and open environment. Examples of incidents needing a report include, but are not limited to: 3rd code of conduct violation, persistent behavior issues, plagiarism, cheating, injury, and inappropriate behavior. If the need arises for documentation of an issue, this protocol will be followed.

1. An in-person meeting will be arranged with the Director, a witness and/or note-taker if the witness can function as both and the party involved.
2. A reporting form will be used that outlines:
 - a. Why the meeting was called
 - b. What is involved in the situation
 - c. Where the situation occurred
 - d. Who it involved
 - e. Restate the Handbook policies if needed
 - f. How the situation will be resolved/action plan
 - g. Date and Signature of all at the meeting
3. Process will be given an observation period.
4. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled if warranted.
5. If the problem persists, the Board reserves the right to dismiss the family from the co-op.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this entire document, understand its content, and agree to abide by PATH's rules and guidelines listed in this code of conduct.

PRINT Student Name: _____

SIGNATURE Student Name: _____

DATE: _____

(student's family was emailed a soft copy of the Code of Conduct for their home records)