

# Respect Agreement



**Relationships between staff and students at CCS are built upon a basis of mutual respect that flows out of Christian love. It is not a requirement that we all like each other, but it is a requirement that we all respect one another.**

**All middle and high school students sign and strive to abide by the following Respect Agreement at all times while enrolled at CCS.**

- I will strive, at all times, to show respect for faculty, staff, and administration. I understand and affirm that I have been placed under their God-given authority at this time and I will do my best to work with them, not against them in all areas.
  - In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourself, in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." - 1 Peter 5:5
  - Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. - Hebrews 13:17
- I will strive, at all times, to show respect to my peers. I will refrain from any physical and verbal harassment of others, and I will not stand idly by while others are harassed. I understand that while my intent may not be to cause harm, harassment is defined by the perception of the victim and not the intent of the perpetrator.
  - Sometimes [the tongue] praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! - James 3:9-10
  - Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. - Proverbs 12:18
- Out of respect for Christ, myself, and others, I will strive, at all times, to set my mind on topics that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. Similarly, I will strive to ensure that the words that come out of my mouth are encouraging and helpful to those who hear them.
  - And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. - Philippians 4:8
  - Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. - Ephesians 4:29
- Out of respect for Christ, myself, and others, I will strive, at all times, to not lie, cheat, or steal.
  - Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. - Colossians 3:9
  - If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. - Ephesians 4:28



# Respect Agreement Continued

- Out of respect for Christ, myself and others, I will strive at all times, to maintain a lifestyle of sexual purity. I will not engage with pornographic material on any level.
  - Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. - 1 Corinthians 6:18
  - God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor. - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4
- Out of respect for Christ and myself, I will strive, at all times, to refrain from the use of illegal narcotics, alcohol, nicotine, and tobacco. I will also refrain from the illegal use or abuse of prescription drugs.
  - Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
  - And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. - Romans 12:1
- Out of respect for Christ and others, I will strive, at all times, to hold others accountable to Christ and His calling on their lives. As believers walking in fellowship with one another, we are obligated to hold one another accountable to all that Christ asks of us.
  - Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. - Galatians 6:2-3
  - So watch yourselves! If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. - Luke 17:3

**When it is determined that a student is operating outside of this Respect Agreement, the administration will decide the proper course of action. We do not ask students to be perfect. We ask students to respond appropriately to correction when it is given.**

**When a student repeatedly fails to respond to correction in regards to the matters contained in the above agreement, the student will not be permitted to remain at CCS.**

