



Diocese of Salina

Code of Conduct for Students in Grades 9-12 Working or Volunteering with Minors

As a Youth Volunteer, I will:

- Respect the adults and supervisors with whom I interact.
- Protect and care for all children or other youth in my care.
- Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy and dignity.
- Take care to be positive, supportive and caring in my speaking, writing and actions with the children/youth.
- Report suspected sexual abuse to my supervisor, parent, principal or pastor.
- Maintain appropriate sexual, physical and emotional boundaries with the children/youth.
- Dress appropriately and not wear any clothing with offensive messages or pictures.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with a child/youth.
- Seek to affirm good behavior in children/youth and avoid criticism or comparison that could hurt.
- Be aware that young people can easily become overly attached to a youth leader or an adult. If I sense that is happening, I will not encourage it. I will make my parent, supervisor, pastor or principal aware of it so that he/she can help in the matter.

As a Youth Volunteer, I will not:

- Commit an illegal or immoral act.
- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of the children/youth.
- Use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time.
- Verbally threaten or physically abuse anyone.
- Use profanity in the presence of children/youth.
- Use discipline that frightens or humiliates a child/youth.
- Touch a child/youth in a sexual, overly affectionate or other inappropriate manner.
- Sexually harass, request sexual favors from, or make sexually explicit statements to anyone.
- Tolerate inappropriate or bullying behavior.
- Promote any view contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Place myself in a situation where my interaction with a child/youth cannot be witnessed.
- Participate in private visits, parties or other activities with the children/youth.
- Develop personal relationships with children over the Internet, or through other forms of communication or social media.
- Accept gifts from or give gifts to children/youth.