



DEFINITIONS

Youth – Minors in grades 7-12
Guest – Non-regulars
Regular – Youth attending 2+ meetings or activities / month
Parent – Legal guardian or biological parent of Youths
Volunteer – Adult support team (minimum requirement, graduated from high school)
Student Pastor – Employee of Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Christian – following the definitions of the Baptist Faith & Message 2000

APPLIED TO 2018-19

While the official Child Protection Policies of Ridgecrest Baptist Church are being revised, these guidelines will apply to Student Ministry during the 2018-19 ministry year (August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019)

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH BEHAVIOR

VALUES

Meaningful relationships developed between Youths, Volunteers and Student Pastor.

Personal stories are shared and known.

Intentional questions are asked by and of Youths.

Christian life applications are encouraged and made.

Accountable discipleship is welcomed and nurtured.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS

_ Rage, gossip, slander, harsh teasing, using tobacco, alcohol, drugs or related substances, posting inappropriate content online, romantic displays or bragging about practicing any prohibited behavior will be addressed directly through redemption-oriented conversations.

_ Threatening, attacking, or bullying others through words, physicality or online media will result in an indefinite suspension until a redemptive path is found for all parties involved.

_ Engaging in sexual activity while attending any Student Ministry function will result in an indefinite suspension of all parties involved until a time determined by the Student Pastor.

_ Using tobacco, alcohol, drugs or related substances while attending any Student Ministry function will result in an indefinite suspension of all parties involved until a time determined by the Student Pastor.

GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEERS

VALUES

Prompting and engaging the Student Values (listed above).

Demonstrating interest in Youths' education, hobbies & interests.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS

_ Any behavior modelling or promoting the Prohibited Student Behaviors (listed above) is prohibited.

_ Provoking Youth (teasing, pranking, harassing, etc.) will result in an indefinite suspension until restorative actions are taken.

_ Any one-on-one interactions with students at or outside Student Ministry activities must be approved by Parents and acknowledged by the Student Pastor.