



Ignited Youth Ministries
6th – 12th Grade

Ignited Handbook

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Why Does Ignited Youth Ministries Need Rules?

Rules bring clarity to all involved, be it parents, youth, volunteers, leaders, or church members. If you can hand everyone a copy of the rules that apply to them, there will never be any discussion about what's allowed and what's not (unless you've forgotten to mention something, in which case you could get very busy suddenly!) And contrary to what many may think, students don't have a problem with rules. They have rules at school, when playing sports, at home, so it won't be a surprise to them if there are rules at youth group too.

The following is a list of rules and guidelines for Ignited Youth Ministries. People of God are called by Christ to have high standards and to "walk in a manner worthy" of being a child of God (Ephesians 4:1-6). This list of rules is not exhaustive but should give any student an indication of what is expected of them. These rules apply to all students, whether on Kettering Assembly of God's property or off campus, while under the supervision of the youth group.

Wednesday Night Services

Wednesday night services are purposefully in place to be a tool for students and leaders to encounter God, encounter His Presence, and grow in fellowship with one another. God has a unique plan and purpose for every single service, and therefore it is important that we keep the reverence for these holy moments.

- Students are to refrain from distracting one another during worship and the sharing of the message. If a student continues to distract others, they may be asked to move from their seat and sit elsewhere. If they continue to be a distraction to others, they may be asked to sit in the foyer where a leader will accompany them.
- Students are only permitted to lay hands on other students of the same sex if it is welcome. Boys are not permitted to lay hands on girls, nor are girls permitted to lay hands on boys.
- Students must stay within the designated area of the Kettering Assembly of God campus unless given specific permission by an Ignited Leader. That means that students are not permitted to be in the front of the Student Center, behind the gymnasium, nor on the creek-side of the Student Center. This also infers that students are not to leave adult supervision during service (i.e. leaving the sanctuary without permission).
- Students are not permitted to go off church property, not even home, unless the Youth Pastor has spoken to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that student and authorized their student to do so. If a student does leave the Student Center without permission, they will not be granted reentry, and a parent or guardian will be contacted to inform them of their student's disobedience.
 - In addition, unapproved adults are not permitted to be in the Student Center from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for any reason.

Promotion of Inappropriate Content

The Apostle Paul clearly stated "no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking" should be a part of the believer's life (Ephesians 5:4). Therefore, any conversations heard concerning the following topics is considered not appropriate for Youth group and therefore inexcusable:

- Sensual or Crude Speech
- Hate, Derogatory, Racist, or Discriminatory Speech
- Cursing
- Content contrary to the Christian faith

Dress Code

Clothing is an amazing avenue for students to express themselves, their interests, etc. However, clothing is also able to act as a form of rebellion or as a means to inappropriately portray oneself.

Gentlemen	Ladies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> t-shirt stays on unless in the pool/ocean <input type="checkbox"/> no really short shorts (discretion to male leaders) <input type="checkbox"/> no apparel is permitted to have any imagery or words on it that conflict with the youth group core values <input type="checkbox"/> all shorts/pants are to be work above the waist; no sagging <input type="checkbox"/> no cross-gender dressing (including, but not limited to, nail polish & eye make-up) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> revealing tank-tops, midriffs, spaghetti straps, low-cut, or excessively tight shirts or dresses are not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> bathing suit options: one piece, tankini that covers belly or bikini with a colored shirt overtop <input type="checkbox"/> no really short shorts (discretion to female leaders) <input type="checkbox"/> no apparel is permitted to have any imagery or words on it that conflict with our youth group core values <input type="checkbox"/> if leggings are worn, a shirt must be worn that fully covers their bottoms

Respecting Others

Ignited Youth Ministries recognize that all authority is given by God (Romans 13:1). In addition, James calls us to "bridle the tongue," for "it is not difficult to sin in speech" (James 3:1-12). Therefore, Ignited Youth seeks to have its members show respect at all times to all people.

- If students are disrespectful to authorities (Ignited Leaders, the Youth Pastor, Chaperones, adults), then that student may be withheld from attending any Youth activities or gatherings until the disrespect can be remedied.
 - If the student disobeys an authority, a parent or guardian may be contacted to pick up their student from any event or gathering.
 - Students are required to eat during each meal when traveling or gathering with Ignited Youth Ministries. If a student refuses to respect the leader's decision as to when it is appropriate to deviate from this standard, students risk being reprimanded or suspended from youth events.
- If students are disrespectful to their peers, then students may be asked to leave the presence of their peer(s) and picked up from the Youth gathering. If the situation is severe, the student may not be able to return to Youth activities or gatherings until the Youth Pastor is able to discuss a plan with that student's parent(s) or guardian(s).
 - Any physical or verbal altercation between students will result in the student(s) at fault not permitted to attend gatherings or events for a designated period of time.
- If a student disrespects property of the church, the student may be held liable for the damaged property if discovered to have been intentionally and willfully done.

"Purpling"

Under no circumstances is it ever permissible for a male student to be alone with a female student or vice versa. This is for the safety of both students as to "keep [them] from stumbling" (Jude 1:24).

For this reason, students of opposite sex are asked to have a seat between them and the opposite sex during Youth services and gatherings. In addition, students of the opposite sex are not permitted to sit directly next to each other on church trips, whether in the church buses or in a chaperone's vehicle.

- Relationships between students in the youth group are not advised as students often become divided in the case of a relationship dissolving, and therefore create a disunited environment in the youth group.

Technology

Students are permitted to have with them their cell phones, gaming devices, etc when at Ignited Youth events. In these cases, students are not permitted to bring said technology into services, breakout sessions, or other moments during the events focused on spiritual growth. However, students are not permitted to use their cell phones or gaming devices during Wednesday night services. In addition, there may be events that Ignited participates in in which students will not be permitted to bring any form of technology with them. If either of these rules is broken, any Ignited Leader is permitted to confiscate their technology until it can be handed over to a parent or guardian.

Safety

It is imperative that students are not alone when in a public setting off church property.

- Middle school students are required to be in groups of three at all times when in public unless granted permission otherwise by a leader or the Youth Pastor. Groups of more than three are permissible in all cases unless specifically stated otherwise.
- High school students are required to be with at least one partner of the same gender at all times when in public unless granted permission otherwise by a leader or the Youth Pastor. Groups of more than two are permissible in all cases unless specifically stated otherwise.
- If there is a mixed group of middle schoolers and high schoolers, the more stringent rule is to be applied.

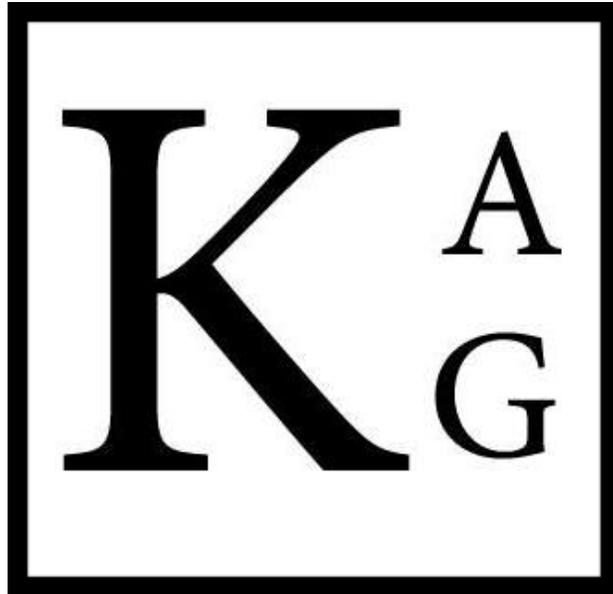
Non-Permitted Items

Under no circumstances are students permitted to bring recreational drugs, alcohol, nicotine, e-cigarettes, vapes, guns, or pornographical material to Ignited Youth Ministries gatherings. Students will be sent home if found with any of the above substances and the evaluation of that student's ability to participate in youth affairs will be done by the Ignited Leaders. In addition, any medication prescribed to a student for an overnight event is to be submitted to an Ignited Leader or designated area and is not to remain in the student's possession throughout the event.

NOTE: for any youth to participate in the youth activities of Ignited Youth Ministries, we MUST have an Activity Participation Agreement form, (filled out and signed by a parent) on file at the church. See the Youth Pastor to acquire a paper form or find one on the Youth page of the church

website.

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