

## Hershey Christian School Student Code of Conduct Agreement

The purpose of Hershey Christian School is to prepare students to reflect Christ in their lives; preparing them to live productive lives and to honor and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Students are expected to adhere to the school's philosophy and Christ-centered lifestyle. This philosophy and this lifestyle are necessary to maintain the proper atmosphere and operation of the school.

The conduct of students in school strongly influences school achievement. While ultimate responsibility for student behavior rests with the parents and the students themselves, Hershey Christian School has an obligation to provide leadership in this respect and to ensure that appropriate standards are maintained when students are under school supervision.

Believing that discipline is a process by which students are guided to develop Christ-like characteristics, each teacher maintains classroom discipline in a manner in accordance with Christian principles as set forth in Scripture and stated school policy.

Hershey Christian School wants students to experience success in developing to their full potential while at the same time expecting students to conduct themselves properly at all times in accordance with Biblical principles. One roadblock to achieving these goals is inappropriate choices of behavior. Therefore, we ask parents to join with us to successfully implement our Code of Conduct. Our goal is to foster greater learning in our classrooms. Positive parental support, combined with our structured yet nurturing environment in the classrooms, will achieve this goal.

Students at Hershey Christian School are responsible for their own actions, both in and out of school. Any serious violation of school policy or of civic or moral laws could result in serious disciplinary action. This is especially true in cases where the good reputation of the school with the surrounding community is placed in jeopardy.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The following are guidelines for Hershey Christian School student conduct. The lists in this section are not exhaustive; they are only intended to cite examples of the seriousness of various infractions. The disciplinary response may vary, depending on the individual situation, but could include detention, suspension, probation, or expulsion.*

- It is expected that HCS students will respect personal property others; they will respect school property and treat it carefully to demonstrate good stewardship for the possessions that God has entrusted to us.
- Students are expected to refrain from speaking in a negative manner and from habitual complaining (negative attitude) in obedience to God's Word: *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. . ."*
- Bullying and harassment are a direct violation of God's Word: *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."* On this basis, such actions and/or conduct will not be tolerated. The administration includes threats, taunting, sexual references, and teasing in its definition of harassment even if incidents of this nature take place off campus or during non-school hours (i.e. through electronic media such as cell phones, chat rooms, internet websites, etc.).
- It is expected that HCS students will refrain from sexual immorality, inappropriate body contact, insubordination, tobacco use, use of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs, fighting, swearing, cheating, lying, stealing, destroying property, talking disrespectfully, and leaving school property without permission.

The school Administration will assess situations in which inappropriate behaviors are exhibited, generate appropriate documentation, and communicate with parents. It is our desire to partner with parents as we administer discipline and resolve matters that violate the Hershey Christian School Student Code of Conduct.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ agree on this date \_\_\_\_\_ to abide by the Hershey Christian School Code of Conduct. I also understand that the school will take appropriate actions to resolve any behaviors on my part that are in violation of this agreement.

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Student Signature

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Parent's Name

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