



HOPE Christian Schools Code of Ethics

*We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.
(2 Corinthians 6:3)*

*Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
(Philippians 1:27)*

All who are called by God to the ministry of the gospel solemnly commit to a life of joyful obedience and selfless service in order to glorify God and enrich his people. Therefore, a HOPE Christian School staff member will:

Pursue Integrity

*I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.
All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. (1 Chronicles 29:17)*

- **in personal character.**

Exalt Christ, not self. Be honest, not exaggerating or overpromising; peace-loving, not contentious; patient, not volatile; diligent, not slothful. Avoid and, when necessary, report conflicts of interest and seek counsel.

- **in personal care.**

Care for the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical dimensions of your person, for "your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit." (1 Corinthians 6:19)

- **in preaching and teaching.**

Interpret the Bible accurately and apply it discerningly: "In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned." (Titus 2:7-8) Speak the truth in love. Give due credit when using the words or ideas of others.

Be Trustworthy

It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

- **in leadership.**

Model the trustworthiness of God in leadership to encourage and develop trustworthiness in others. Use power and influence prudently and humbly. Foster loyalty. Demonstrate a commitment to the well-being of the entire school and organization. Keep promises. Respond sensitively and appropriately to requests and needs: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." (Luke 16:10)

- **with information.**

Guard confidences carefully. Communicate truthfully and discreetly when discussing sensitive issues. Tell the truth, or remain discreetly silent. "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret." (Proverbs 11:13)

- **with resources.**

Be honest and prudent in regard to personal and organizational resources. Ensure that we practice good stewardship of the resources we have and use them appropriately.

Seek Purity

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

- **in maintaining sexual purity.**

Avoid sinful sexual behavior and inappropriate involvement. Resist temptation. "Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality." (Ephesians 5:3a)

- **in spiritual formation.**

Earnestly seek the help of the Holy Spirit for guidance and spiritual growth. Be faithful to maintain a heart of devotion to the Lord. Be consistent and intentional in prayer and scriptural study. "Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)

- **in theology.**

Study the Bible regularly and carefully to understand its message, and embrace biblical doctrine. In forming theology, consider biblical teaching authoritative over all other sources.

- **in professional practice.**

Identify a minister/counselor who can provide personal counseling and advice when needed. Develop an awareness of personal needs and vulnerabilities. Avoid taking advantage of the vulnerabilities of others through exploitation or manipulation.