

Student Agreement – Confirmation 2023-2024

Welcome! How awesome that you are participating in Confirmation! I hope we can work together to build faith that we can take with us for the rest of our lives. I've listed below what I'm asking us to agree to value and practice together to make this the best experience.

1. Confirmation should be a **safe space**. That means none of us should have to worry about whether we will be safe at any Confirmation event. To ensure safe space, you agree that you will
 - honor personal space and privacy of others;
 - NOT bring drugs or alcohol to any Confirmation event;
 - NOT bring any weapon to any Confirmation event;
 - stay with the group unless you have been given specific directions to do otherwise;
 - support and encourage each other and NOT bully.
2. It's important for us to trust each other, which means we must **tell the truth always**.
3. Many people are giving of their time to help with Confirmation, so please **be respectful** to them.
4. It's easy to talk; it's much more difficult **to listen**. Please give your full attention to anyone who is sharing—whether it's a peer or parent or mentor or pastor.
5. Nobody has all the answers, so it's important for us to **value questions**. Don't be afraid to ask questions and express doubts. That's an important part of growing in faith. Also, please don't make fun of somebody else's question or doubt.
6. We all will have an incredible Confirmation experience if we **expect and desire to grow and learn**. I hope we can show up each time with excitement about what we're going to do together. There are several ways we will grow together. Here are a few things you commit to:
 - attending worship every Sunday;
 - participating in Sunday afternoon learning sessions;
 - completing the assignments you're given from week to week;
 - serving during our "service weeks."
7. One of my goals is that we'll **learn about each other's gifts and passions**. We are all different, and our gifts and passions are not the same. That's the way God intends it. This means we should **celebrate how we're different**.
8. We're not going to sit around like we're in a classroom; instead we should all **be ready to learn by getting our hands dirty**. That probably means we're going to always going to "look cool." We're going to have to let our guard down and be willing to experience and explore!
9. We will never learn about who Jesus is and what it means to be a follower of Jesus and less we **have a willingness to serve others**. We are going to serve several times during Confirmation to learn about who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.
10. Finally, I'm expecting us to **have fun!** I hope that we leave Confirmation saying we've learned a lot and we've had a lot of fun.

By signing this agreement, you agree to uphold the values and practices listed above. You also agree to my "keeping you honest" about them. In particular, if you violate "safe space," I will have a conversation with your parents, and further action might be taken.
