



2009-2010 Community Covenant Agreement

As a Christian community committed to “preparing servant-leaders to honor God, love others, and walk in truth,” Mount Paran Christian School is dedicated to the highest standards of academic achievement, spiritual growth, and personal development. Members of this community seek to honor God by promoting lifestyles that are biblically based and affirming to one another. Faith in God leads to behavior that displays His authority in our lives. Scripture teaches that certain attributes such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control are to be the hallmarks of lives and relationships of members of a Christian community (Galatians 5:22-23).

With this purpose and spiritual foundation, MPCS students are expected to comply with the following lifestyle expectations:

1. Community life at MPCS should be marked by personal stewardship of abilities and resources as well as sensitivity to the God-given worth and dignity of each individual regardless of differences. The school, therefore, does not condone discrimination or harassment of another person because of race, color, national or ethnic origins, denominational background, age, gender, or disability.
2. Religious devotions and worship experiences are essential to the spiritual health of the MPCS community. Devotions provided in the mornings by the administration and classroom devotions and prayer offered by teachers and students should be respected. Additionally, chapel experiences are provided to bring the community together to experience the joy of a commonly shared faith in Jesus Christ. A variety of denominational representatives speak and offer music in chapels, and each member of the community is expected to be attentive and respectful of speakers even if the approach is different from their own.
3. MPCS recognizes that certain attitudes are expressly condemned in scripture. These include greed, jealousy, pride, lust, needless anger, an unforgiving spirit, harmful discrimination, and prejudice. Likewise, certain behaviors are also prohibited by God’s Word. These include theft, lying, cheating, plagiarism, gossip, slander, profanity, vulgarity, adultery, homosexual behavior, premarital sex, sexual promiscuity, pornography, drunkenness, gluttony, immodesty, and occult practices (Galatians 5:19-21, I Corinthians 6:9-10).
4. Scripture also teaches that all of our actions should be performed to the glory of God. We seek, therefore, to be selective in the choices of clothes, entertainment, personal websites, and recreation, promoting those which strengthen the body of Christ and avoiding those which would diminish sensitivity to Christian responsibility or promote sensual attitudes or conduct. As participants in school-sponsored clubs, sports, and activities, students are expected to behave at all times in such a way that brings honor to God and reflects positively on the mission of the school.
5. Since the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, it deserves respect and preservation of its well-being. Therefore, the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco in any form, and the abuse of prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs violate the community standards at MPCS.

I have read the above and, as a member of the MPCS community, agree to comply with these lifestyle expectations.

Student Signature

Date