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Christian Relationships

It is wonderful to see God at work in the lives of our students as He builds friendships and relationships based on principles found in His Word. We encourage our students to get to know one another and to establish friendships. Students who have an interest in one another beyond friendship have both a responsibility and a privilege to build that relationship based on purity. Out of concern for them as well as those who observe, we do not allow students in our school to engage in public display(s) of affection while at school. We desire that the students focus on school, friendships and who they are in Christ. We do not believe that school is the suitable place for personal affections.

Holding hands, embracing, kissing, or other inappropriate displays are not allowed at school, at school events, or on school property. Persistence to engage in such behavior will result in disciplinary action.

Married students are not allowed to enroll at Rejoice Christian Schools.

PREGNANCY: If a student becomes pregnant while attending RCS, the student is subject to dismissal. The administrations' decision will be based on the attitude of the student, her parents, and the interest of the student body. In the event that the student is not dismissed, she will be placed on probation and will not be allowed to attend classes at RCS, but will instead be placed on homebound. The purpose is not to penalize one person, but rather to express love and concern for the other students lest they be drawn by bad example to do likewise. If a RCS male student is found to be responsible for causing a pregnancy, he is subject to the same policy.

Rejoice Christian School is a private school. As such, it is a privilege to have the opportunity to attend, not a right. Students forfeit this privilege if they do not conform to the standards and ideals of work and life at RCS.

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Statement on Marriage and Sexuality

RCS professes that God has made man in His image and after His likeness. (Gen 1:26-27). Furthermore, we profess that God wonderfully and immutably creates each human being as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image of God and the means by which He calls each person to grow into His likeness (Gen 1:26-27; Rom. 8:29). It is, therefore, incumbent upon each person to treasure and affirm the blessing of gender encoded in his own as reflective of the divine image with which he is imprinted.

We believe that each person's God-given gender is determined biologically at birth. We believe the term "marriage" as sanctioned by God in Scripture joins one man and one woman in an exclusive union. We believe God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman (Gen. 1:26-27) and anything outside of marriage is considered sexual immorality.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality is contrary to God's word. This includes, but is not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexuality (Romans 1:26-27; I Cor 6:9; I Tim 1:10), including professing to be homosexual/bisexual and/or practicing homosexuality/bisexuality and/or promoting such behavior, bestiality, use of pornography, or any attempt to change one's biological gender or to identify as anything other than one's biological gender or to openly express disagreement with one's biological gender. We also believe God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

RCS does not condemn others who would view these restrictions differently, but we believe that the restrictions mentioned are types of conduct which are detrimental to an environment conducive to spiritual growth.

Sexual Harassment

Any student, volunteer or employee who is or has been subjected to sexual harassment or knows of any student, volunteer or employee who is or has been subjected to sexual harassment should promptly contact an Administrator, Principal, or the Superintendent. In the event a complaint is reported, a confidential investigation will be undertaken immediately.

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Pornographic Materials

The possession of writing, drawings, or delivery of any licentious, sexually offensive material, whether written, visual, electronic, or aural, is strictly prohibited, and will result in disciplinary action being taken.