



## Lifestyle Statement

Cornerstone Christian School ("CCS") believes that Scripture provides guiding principles that establish standards for Christian life and living (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Consistent with its mission as a Christian school, CCS requires employees, students, and parents ("Community Members") to maintain a lifestyle consistent with these standards for Christian conduct and to serve as Christian role models in their respective communities and classrooms.

Any conduct by any Community Member that CCS concludes is contrary to these standards is subject to review and possible discipline.

Below are examples of the standards to which Community Members are expected to adhere. This list is intended to be illustrative, not exhaustive.

- CCS places importance on active local church involvement and expects Community Members to participate in a local church.
- As a community of Christians, we believe that pleasing and glorifying God in all that we do and say expresses our gratitude for God's grace and love in our lives (1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 5:9). We seek to be people of integrity, truthful in speech and honest in conduct. Therefore, all Community Members should act in a manner free from personal attitudes of distrust, dishonesty, selfishness, damaging criticism, disrespect, favoritism, unethical conduct, and irreverence (Psalm 15; Matt. 5:33-37; Prov. 15:4; Rom. 13:9-10; Col. 3:8-9; James 2:1-13; Gal. 3:26-29; Rom. 13:1-2; 1 Tim. 2:8).
- CCS believes that our interpersonal relationships must reflect the Biblical principle that **all** people are made in God's image and are equal in value. We must express our love for others through acts of kindness and wholesome, uplifting speech (1 Peter 5:5; Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:3-11; Rom. 14:1-23; 1 Thess. 4:9; Col. 3:12-13).
- CCS prohibits any and all forms of harassment (including, without limitation, racial, ethnic, sexual- and gender-based harassment) in all forms (including, without limitation, electronic communications such as email, texts, and social media posts). Therefore, **any** conduct deemed threatening, intimidating, coercive, abusive (including abusive or vulgar language), violent, or that otherwise interferes with the well-being of another Community Member, whether within or outside of CCS, shall constitute a violation of the Biblical standards for Christian living.
- Because CCS maintains a commitment to moral purity in thought and action (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 John 3:3), **all** acts of sexual immorality are viewed as unacceptable behavior (1 Cor. 6: 18-20; 1 Thess. 4:3-8). By way of example, and without limitation:
  - CCS believes that God granted the gift of intimacy to marriage (Hebrews 13:4). Therefore, no intimate sexual activity should occur outside of marriage.
  - CCS believes that the only form of marriage consistent with God's design and the mandates of Scripture is the joining of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23).
  - Therefore, **any** act that violate Scriptures' standards for moral and sexual purity (including promiscuity, fornication, adultery, homosexual acts, and pornography (Rom. 1:21-27; 1 Cor. 6:9; Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:31)) is prohibited.