



# New Covenant School

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## UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT COMMITMENT

New Covenant School is a discipleship school and a ministry of a church. As a discipleship school, students admitted to New Covenant are children of professing Christians with at least one parent who is a Christian and regularly participates in church. As a discipleship school, we aspire for our staff and students to be a covenant community that lives in covenant relationship to God. This covenant relationship calls us to love God and others through our words and actions. We recognize that an exhaustive list of all behavioral expectations is impossible to create; however, the list below provides guidelines and principles to guide students. This covenant relationship calls students to behavioral standards both on and off campus.

- *Seek to love God wholeheartedly (Matt. 22:37-40) by regularly attending church (Heb 10:25), reading the Scriptures with delight (Deut.6:4-9), and spending time in prayer (1 The. 5:17).*
- *Demonstrate Christ's love to others by displaying the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) along with a spirit of Christian unity (Eph. 2:19-22) and Biblical conflict resolution (Matt. 18), as outlined in the handbook. Engage in healthy discussions without gossip, slander, or purposely isolating classmates (Jas 4:11).*
- *Submit to the authority of your parents, teachers, and school officials as given to you by the Lord (Eph. 6:1).*
- *Walk upright before the Lord (Psalm 15) by upholding academic integrity, refraining from academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, cheating on tests or assignments, and assisting another student in academic dishonesty.*
- *Submit to Romans 13:1 by abstaining from involvement with the illegal use of drugs (including tobacco and vaping) and the illegal use of alcohol.*
- *Live in unity with people by speaking the truth in love (Eph. 4:15) both in person and in writing. This includes using social media (including texting) in a way that honors God (1 Cor 10:31) and rejects worldliness (1 John 2:15). Social media posts will reflect a Christ-like attitude (2 Cor. 10:5), refraining from bullying, inappropriate content (including pornography), profanity, or illegal activity.*
- *Confess that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27), establishing the normative pattern of physical relations such that marriage ultimately serves as a type of the union between Christ and his church (Gen. 2:18- 25; Matt. 15:18-20; Eph. 5:22-33; Heb. 13:4). Rejection of biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person. (1 Cor. 6:9-11, 18).*
- *Uphold a Biblical marriage ethic (Gen 2:18-22). Refrain from physical and emotional relationships that are intended for a traditional, Biblical definition of marriage between a man and woman. (Romans 1:21-27)*
- *Submit to all other requirements outlined in the student handbook that is distributed at the start of the school year and available on our website or in the school office.*

This is a commitment of lifestyle, not just during school hours, but twenty-four hours a day and twelve months a year. Violations are considered as breaking a firm commitment that each student and family makes when voluntarily choosing to attend New Covenant. As a member of New Covenant School, you should exert a positive influence in your social relationships and be a responsible member of the New Covenant School community.

*I agree to abide by the school's policies and rules as stated above and as published in the student/parent handbook located in the family portal.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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