

CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth participating in the Jump Start U4 College Program has been afforded a tremendous opportunity by the sacrificial efforts of the parent(s)/guardian(s), the Gaddis family and our volunteers. All youth participants should expect to benefit fully from this experience. To that end, youth participants are expected to adhere to the following:

1. **Make the pre-tour schedule a priority. The sessions are designed: to equip and prepare you for the campus visits, to allow participants and chaperones to become acquainted, and, to add to the arsenal of tools that will guide you through high school to college.**
 - a) Be prompt.
 - b) Be attentive.
 - c) Be engaged

2. **We have scheduled appointments with the schools. Adherence to tour schedule is imperative and impacts the experience of all tour participants.**
 - a) Observe wake-up and curfew times.
 - b) Be prompt to the bus for departure times.
 - c) Be prompt to any "meeting" time established.

3. **During the campus visits:**
 - a) Ask questions. Take notes. You are the customer. When asking a question, please stand, state your name, speak loud and clear. View this as an opportunity to make an impression on someone who may later be part of the decisionmaking team reviewing your application for admission. Hint: Do your research on each of the campuses we are visiting before our arrival. Your questions should seek clarification to something presented or reviewed in advance,
 - b) Be attentive during the admissions presentation and the walking tour. Avoid side conversations. Keep up with the group during the walking tours.

4. **Respect yourself. Always strive to model the best representation of YOU, your family and this organization. Carry yourself in a positive manner.**
 - a) Dress appropriately at all times. Wear a belt if needed (males and females). Saggin' is prohibited. As well, young men should not wear hats in buildings. Do-rags, curlers, scarves (i.e., bed wear), bandannas or items associated with gang colors, signs are not appropriate.
 - b) Dress comfortably and neatly. No short-shorts (male and female), "wife beater" tee shirts, clothes that are sexually suggestive/provocative, or, containing profanity or negative images are prohibited.
 - c) Hair should be neat, and grooming in public is inappropriate.
 - d) In the hotels, please wear shoes and appropriate clothing in the lobby.
 - e) Be courteous to the hotel, college and other personnel we will encounter.
 - f) Noise in the hotels, halls should be kept at respectable levels as there are other guests in the hotel.
 - g) Notify your mentor if you will take advantage of hotel amenities such as swimming and fitness areas.
 - h) Straighten your room before "check-out" - do not trash it!

5. Respect one another. Respect your mentors/chaperones. Exhibit personal responsibility, integrity, and good choices.

- a) Be considerate of your roommates, i.e., their space, belongings, desire to rest.
- b) Observe personal hygiene. Water immersion should be a daily practice. Bring adequate toiletries and personal items and use them daily. Bring sufficient undergarments and clothing for the entire trip. Some hotels are equipped with laundry facilities however it is doubtful you will have time to utilize this service.
- c) Theft is prohibited.
- d) Taunting, inappropriate teasing, name calling, fighting and possession of any weapons (firearms, knives) is prohibited.
- e) Any form of harassment (sexual, sexual orientation, religious orientation and so forth), inappropriate and obscene language, including profanity and derogatory racial terms, is prohibited.
- f) The use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and other non-prescription drugs not registered with the staff and listed on your medical form is prohibited.
- g) Remove all trash from the bus and floor and observe a reasonable tone of voice at all times.
- h) Embrace people who may be different than you – expand your horizon.
- i) PDA is prohibited. While we understand mutual admiration of the opposite sex is natural, **public display of affection** is inappropriate. A member of the opposite sex, regardless if related, is prohibited.

Violation of items: 2. a) and b) will result in a call home. 5. c) d) e) and f) are grounds for immediate expulsion and youth will be sent home at the parent's expense.

Notes of caution:

- Youth are assigned to chaperones in groups of 10 - 14. Mentor/Chaperones are to help you gain the most from your experience, to assist with problems and concerns, and to encourage responsible behavior. Students should always be with at least one other person, and you should remain with the group at all times unless your mentor/chaperone grants permission. Violation of this cautionary measure is also grounds for immediate expulsion. No exceptions.
- Notify your mentor/chaperone immediately if you or a fellow student becomes ill.
- Youth may bring electronic devices but at your own risk.
- Assure that the volume of music equipment is a safe volume for your ears and those around you.
- Feed your “mind and spirit” with positive music.

I _____ have read, understand and agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct as outlined and understand further that expulsion from the trip can and will occur when deemed in the best interest of the violator and/or all parties concerned.

Student Name (Print) _____ Signature _____

As parent/guardian of the above-named student, I acknowledge full understanding of the Code of Conduct as set forth and the consequences thereof, including my financial responsibility to provide the means for my child to return to Columbus, Ohio early, if it becomes necessary.

Parent/Guardian _____ Signature _____

Date _____

