

STUDENT MINISTRY GUIDELINES

- 1. Unity Student Ministries abides by and enforces a zero-tolerance physical contact policy at all youth activities and church functions. This includes any contact between guy/girl, girl/girl, or guy/guy. Any visual appearance of this contact will be dealt with immediately by the Student Minister or any Adult Sponsor. If the contact does not cease after the student/students are dealt with, their parent/guardian will be contacted immediately. If there is repeated disregard to follow this guideline after the previous steps have been taken, the student/students will be dismissed from an activity or trip at the expense of the parent.**
- 2. Travel on Bus: While traveling on the bus and any other mode of transportation, guys will sit beside guys and girls will sit beside girls. If a couple would like to sit together, they will be required to sit on the first rows (designated by the sponsors) of the vehicle. Any couple that is found breaking this guideline will first be asked to separate for the remainder of the trip. If the behavior continues, their parent/guardian will be contacted immediately. If there is repeated disregard to follow this guideline after the previous steps have been taken, the couple will be dismissed from the trip at the expense of the parent.**
- 3. Conduct for Trips: All students should respect and obey the Student Minister and Adult Sponsors at all times. Disrespect toward any authority will not be tolerated. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, profanity and fireworks are strictly prohibited at all times. Couples are not to be together in any setting without an adult present. Any disregard for these guidelines will follow in the disciplinary actions as addressed in the above guidelines.**
- 4. Attire for trips: On every trip, Unity Student Ministries strives for modesty. With society's ever-changing fads, it is important that we keep guidelines of what we expect from our students.
**Girls: On every trip, shorts/skirts are to be no higher than 1" above the knee. There are to be no spaghetti strap tops or tank tops worn.
Guys: Regular t-shirts or polo-type shirts are acceptable. Tank tops or cut-off t-shirts are not to be worn except for during sleeping. Shorts are to be no higher than 1" above the knee.****

5. **Media player device use:** With any portable media device, discretion is to be used. Christian music should be played privately through headphones. Secular music is strictly prohibited. When secular music is heard or found being played on a device, the student will be asked to store the device for the remainder of the trip. If the device resurfaces, it will be confiscated for the remainder of the trip and returned to the parent/guardian of the student when arriving home. **No movie viewing will be allowed on portable movie devices.**

6. **Worship Services:** Utmost respect should always be shown during worship services. This is the time that God uses to speak to the hearts of His people or to the hearts of those who need Him. The last thing that He needs is someone being a distraction by writing notes or talking while He is dealing with someone's heart. If a student is being a distraction during a worship service, the Student Minister or one of the Adult Sponsors will go and sit with the student making sure the distraction ceases. If the distraction does not cease, it will be addressed with the parent/guardian.