



STAPLES MILL
STUDENTS

2025-2026

Students Policy Handbook

STAPLES MILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

STUDENT MINISTRY

REVIEWED BY: DEREK WHEELER – ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR STUDENTS

Valid: August 24th, 2025 – August 31st, 2026

PARTICIPANT CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY:

It is our desire for Staples Mill Students to have limited distractions for weekly gatherings (Sunday morning, evening, and Wednesday evening). The use of cell phones, airpods/headphones, or other electronic devices for the purpose of accessing social media, e-mail, text messaging, music, etc. during obvious teaching, discussion, and worship times is a significant distraction not only for the individual user, and the teacher, but for the entire group.

Therefore, we ask that students refrain from using their cell phone/electronic device. The adult leaders will use their discretion as to how to address a student if their cell phone usage is deemed inappropriate during SMS activities. If a student persists with distracting behavior through consistent cell phone usage, they will be asked to hand over their phone for the duration of the gathering. If necessary, parents will be contacted to address the situation.

Our prayer is that parents will be proactive in instructing and modeling for their children about the appropriate use and access to cell phones. If there is any need for a parent to communicate with their child during SMRBC student activities, the Associate Pastor can be contacted to deliver any message to a student:

Associate Pastor for Student Ministries:

Derek Wheeler: 804-877-3570



PARTICIPANT DRESS CODE:

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.
(Ephesians 5:3, ESV)

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
(Philippians 2:3-4)

NO BOTTOMS, BREASTS, BELLIES, OR BOXERS, BRIEFS, or BRAS (underwear) VISIBLE DURING ANY SMRBC STUDENT MINISTRY ACTIVITY.

WITHIN THE GB'S POLICY, ALSO KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ NO RACERBACK TANKS (UNLESS ANOTHER TANK IS UNDERNEATH); NO CUT OUT SHIRTS UNLESS A TANK IS UNDERNEATH
- ☐ NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS (NO BRA STRAPS SHOWING)
- ☐ FOR GUYS: SHIRT STAYS ON AT ALL TIMES UNLESS SWIMMING
- ☐ GIRLS: ONE PIECE BATHING SUITS OR TANKINIS INSTEAD OF BIKINIS. NO MIDRIFF SHOWING OR A TANKINI THAT IS LONG ENOUGH THAT WON'T SHOW THE BELLY.
- ☐ NO "HOT PANTS" OR REALLY SHORT SHORTS (AT LEAST 5" inseam)
- ☐ NO MINI SKIRTS (AT LEAST MID-THIGH IN LENGTH)
- ☐ NO TIGHT CLOTHES THAT WOULD BE REVEALING IN NATURE
- ☐ NO JEANS WITH SIGNIFICANT RIPS ABOVE THE KNEE
- ☐ NO "LAMPSHADING": SHORTS ARE TO BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES.

If a student is wearing, or not wearing an approved item of clothing the student minister (or his designee) may direct the student to add layers of clothing to be in compliance with this policy.



PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR POLICY

**"AND SO, FROM THE DAY WE HEARD, WE HAVE NOT CEASED TO PRAY FOR YOU, ASKING THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, SO AS TO WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD, FULLY PLEASING TO HIM, BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD."
(COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 ESV)**

All students who are consistent participants of SMS will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is in line with the biblical description of a disciple of Jesus. Acknowledging that there are students who are at different levels of spiritual maturity and that there are students that are not believers in Jesus Christ, the adult student ministry volunteers will use their discretion in addressing conflicting, disruptive, disrespectful, distracting, immature, or sinful behavior during SMRBC Student Ministry functions.

No sexual activity will be permitted at any time between any students. Nor will any student be allowed to be alone with any leader. If an issue arises, Pastor Derek (or his designee) may remove the student from the learning area and find the child's parent. If the child's parent is not present at the event or on the property, then they may be called to come take the child home.

Examples of appropriate behavior:

- ☐ -respect through listening and responding appropriately to all ministry leaders
- ☐ -remaining with and participating with the group during programmed times

Examples of inappropriate behavior:

- ☐ -tobacco, alcohol, or drug use or promotion
- ☐ -coarse language or crude joking
- ☐ -distracting or destructive actions, conversations, or outbursts



By signing this student policy handbook, you and your student agree to abide by the 2025/2026 policies set forth herein.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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